

## Fire causes ‘colossal damage’ to Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris



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Flames engulf the spire and roof of the city’s most-visited monument. The Paris fire commander said the iconic twin bell towers at the building’s grand entry had been saved.

## Unaware he had measles, man infected 39 in Mich.

Traveler had come through ultra-Orthodox community in N.Y.

BY LENA H. SUN

Last month, a traveler raising money for charity in Brooklyn’s ultra-Orthodox Jewish community drove through the night to Detroit — his next fundraising stop. He felt sick en route and saw a doctor when he got there. But the doctor, who had never seen measles, misdiagnosed the man’s fever and cough as bronchitis.

Over the next two weeks, the traveler would become Michigan’s Patient Zero, spreading the highly contagious respiratory virus to 39 people as he stayed in private homes, attended synagogue daily and shopped in kosher markets. His case offers a cautionary tale about how easily one of the most infectious pathogens on the planet spreads within close-knit communities — especially those whose members live, work and socialize outside the mainstream.

“Every one of our cases has had a link to the initial case,” said Leigh-Anne Stafford, health officer for Oakland County, a Detroit suburb where all but one case was reported.

In the past five years, 75 per-

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## Macron vows to rebuild landmark

Apparently accidental blaze came during Christianity’s holiest week

BY JAMES MCAULEY, GRIFF WITTE AND REIS THEBAULT

PARIS — The spine-tingling, soul-lifting spire and roof of Notre Dame Cathedral were reduced to ash Monday, as a catastrophic fire spread through a building that has embodied the heart of Paris for more than 800 years.

The fire, which came during Christianity’s holiest week and was apparently accidental, left a smoldering stone shell where there had once been a peerless work of architecture, engineering and craftsmanship. Cathedral spokesman Andre

Finot told reporters that the building had sustained “colossal damage” and that the medieval wooden interior — a marvel that has inspired awe and wonder for the millions who have visited over the centuries — had been gutted.

“Nothing will remain from the frame,” he said.

At one point Monday night, fire officials said the blaze might continue to rage uncontrollably and that the entire structure could collapse.

But late Monday, after hundreds of firefighters spent hours dousing the building with jets of water, Paris fire

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The heart of Paris burns, another loss for a city that has known many

BY JAMES MCAULEY

PARIS — It took little more than an hour. In that amount of time, the spire had fallen, most of the roof had given way, and that was that. Notre Dame — the literal and figurative heart of Paris, the point from which all distances in the city are measured and the seemingly eternal backdrop to life in the French capital — was essentially no more.

Granted, the facade was preserved, and the bell towers remain intact. But this is without question a story of loss on an otherwise perfect spring day.

To have lived in Paris in

recent years is to be well acquainted with loss and even unspeakable tragedy. The killing of 12 people in the attack at the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo after a morning meeting in January 2015. The bombings and shootings that claimed 130 lives at the national stadium, the Bataclan concert hall and on random cafe terraces near the Canal Saint-Martin. The killings of two elderly Jewish women — one hurled from her apartment window. The omnipresence of armed guards at any site where crowds may gather.

But through all of these

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## The Post wins Pulitzers for criticism, photography

BY PAUL FARHI

Washington Post critic Carlos Lozada says he likes to stay close to the news in selecting the nonfiction books he reviews. So, during 2018, he reviewed many of the books published about perhaps the newest subject of all: President Trump.

On Monday, the jurors of the Pulitzer Prize offered their own review of Lozada’s insights about Trump and the cultural milieu he has fostered. They named Lozada the winner of the Pulitzer for criticism, bestowing journalism’s

highest honor on him for his perspectives on politics and the presidency. It was one of several Pulitzers awarded Monday for journalism that examined Trump’s past and present and his impact on American society.

Lozada, 47, thus joins a long line of Post writers who have won the criticism award. Post critics have previously been recognized for their critiques of art, architecture, dance, television, movies, fashion,

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Book critic Carlos Lozada is joined by his family in the Post newsroom as news of his Pulitzer Prize for criticism is announced.

## Trump’s divisive message for 2020

FRESH ATTACKS ON OMAR, IMMIGRATION

Remarks overshadow GOP’s focus on tax cuts

BY SEUNG MIN KIM AND TOLOUSE OLORUNNIPA

President Trump escalated his attacks on a Muslim member of Congress and “Radical Left Democrats” on Monday ahead of a reelection campaign that is quickly taking shape around divisive messages centered on immigration and patriotism.

Speaking Monday at an event billed as a tax and economy roundtable, Trump told a suburban Minneapolis audience “how unfairly you’ve been treated as a state” when it comes to immigration, and he rattled off a litany of grudges against the current system: The loopholes are “horrible and foolish,” the visa lottery is “insane,” and the concept of asylum is “ridiculous.”

“People come in, they read a line from a lawyer that a lawyer hands them out online,” Trump said at the event as he mimicked an asylum seeker reading from a

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Speaker’s support for Omar and Ocasio-Cortez too tepid, liberals say

BY RACHAEL BADE AND PAUL KANE

The far left’s frustration with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is on the rise, as liberal advocates and lawmakers fume that she hasn’t done enough to defend freshman Rep. Ilhan Omar from attacks by President Trump and other Republicans and has undermined their policies and leaders, including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Omar’s allies over the weekend were upset by what they viewed as Pelosi’s delayed response in standing up for one of the two Muslim women in Congress after Trump accused Omar of playing down the tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Pelosi, whose initial statement criticizing Trump made no mention of Omar, said Monday that it was “beneath the dignity of the Oval Office” for Trump to have shared a video on Twitter of Omar spliced with foot-

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POLITICS & THE NATION

Agricultural census shows lots of aging, white farmers

BY LAURA REILEY  
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The Agriculture Department's newly released 2017 Census of Agriculture is 820 pages of graphs, tables and puzzling shifts (half as many llamas but the number of minks rose toward 1 million). This census comes out every five years and is the most accurate and detailed look at America's vast, complicated and shrinking agricultural sector.

Its data is used by those who serve farmers and rural communities — but it also shows who farms and what challenges they face.

A central theme of this census appears to be a hollowing out of the middle: All categories of mid-size farms declined over the past five years. Farmers' ages skewed older, leaving questions about what happens when they age out.

"We're not going to suddenly attract 40-year-olds," said Jeff Trippicani, president of Perdue Premium Meat, the parent company of beef, lamb and pork producer Niman Ranch. "We have seen a 30-year decline in almost every single metric. They're all bad. The number of jobs lost, the average net income down 45 percent since 2013. There's no news here. It's an acceleration of bad. What have we done to fix this?"

It doesn't all live up to Trippicani's apocalyptic vision, though there's cause for concern.

The number of farm operations dropped 3.2 percent, to 2.04 million. Total acreage farmed nationwide dropped 1.6 percent, while the average farm size increased by the same percentage, to 441 acres.

Industry consolidation continued. The number of dairy farms dropped 15 percent from 2012, but the number of milk cows rose. The National Agricultural Statistics Service, which compiles the census, indicates that 105,453 farms produced 75 percent of all sales in 2017, down from 119,908 in 2012.

Almost as a rebuttal to this get-big-or-get-out pattern, this census revealed a surge in the number of farms below nine acres. The number of pint-size



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Janet Clark at her family's farm in Eldorado, Wis. Only about two out of every five U.S. farm producers list farming as their primary job.

pastoralist operations rose about 22 percent from 2012 to 2017, reaching about 273,000 farms.

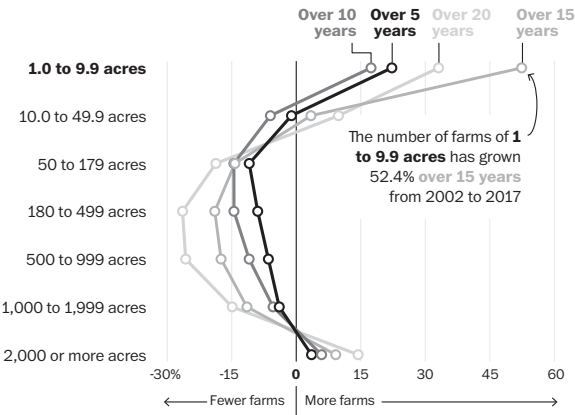
The numbers aren't strictly comparable because of a methodology change, but the number of farmers and ranchers younger than 35 is also up, rising 11 percent, to about 285,000. They're thoroughly outnumbered by the 396,000 producers age 75 and older, however.

Beginning producers (those with experience in farming of 10 years or fewer) make up 27 percent.

Still, the average age of U.S. farm producers in 2017 was 57.5 years, creeping up from 56.3 years in 2012.

"As farmers age out and retire," said Sophie Ackoff of the National Young Farmers Coalition, a non-profit that advocates for young

Change in the number of farming operations, by size



Source: USDA's 2017 Census of Agriculture THE WASHINGTON POST

farmers, "we're not adding enough new farmers to make up for it. That's why we need to focus on technical service and loans and grant programs. We need younger farmers to succeed because there aren't enough of them."

But there were pockets of real growth in this census, which was originally scheduled for February but was postponed by the partial government shutdown early in the year. The ranks of organic farmers swelled from about 14,000 to about 18,000, and total sales of domestic organic product more than doubled. An average organic farm sold about \$401,000 of goods in 2017, up from \$218,000 five years earlier.

While the number of male producers declined 1.7 percent, the number of female producers in-

creased nearly 27 percent to about 1.23 million. This may reflect changes in how farmers were counted this go-round, said Erin Foster West, federal policy director for the National Young Farmers Coalition.

The census used to ask for data on three operators on a farm as well the principal operator. Gone is the principal operator question — perhaps a vestige of a patriarchal hierarchy where Grandpa or Dad was in charge — and count up to four producers on each farm.

"This meant that, previously, it may not have included young farmers and female partners. They might not have made it into the census, but we think they've always been there," Foster West said.

But even this more accurate count shows farmers are still overwhelmingly white. Ninety-five percent of producers are white, 3.3 percent are Hispanic, and 1.7 percent are Native American or Native Alaskan. Other ethnic groups include African Americans (1.3 percent), Asians (0.6 percent), Native Hawaiians/Pacific Islanders (0.1 percent) and "more than one race" (0.8 percent).

Regardless of race, only two out of every five American farm producers (1.42 million) list farming as their primary job. Almost as many, 1.37 million, spend 200 days or more each year working outside of the farm.

Ackoff points to young and new farmers whose strategy is co-operative or multifarmer-owned farms. Multiple owners mean profits are spread thinner, often necessitating an outside income source.

"Friends have decided it's easier to farm together," she said. "Having another co-farmer is a much more stable labor source for your farm."

But with labor and input costs up and the total market value of products sold down, this census offers many reasons American farmers are hedging their bets with a day job.

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# Woman arrested at Mar-a-Lago to stay detained

BY LORI ROZSA  
AND MARK BERMAN

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. — A Chinese woman must remain jailed following charges she lied to authorities after entering President Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort, a judge ruled Monday, saying he deemed her a flight risk.

U.S. Magistrate Judge William Matthewman appeared swayed by federal prosecutors' argument that Yujing Zhang — who made her way through Mar-a-Lago's security last month carrying multiple electronics, authorities said — had ulterior motives in accessing the president's club.

It seemed that “Ms. Zhang was up to something nefarious,” Matthewman said during a hearing here.

Zhang, 33, is charged with entering restricted grounds and making a false statement to the Secret Service, according to an indictment filed Friday. On Monday, she entered a plea of not guilty and asked for a jury trial. According to the penalty sheet filed with the indictment, she could face up to six years in prison and more than \$250,000 in fines if convicted on the two counts.

Her ability to enter Mar-a-Lago and subsequent arrest heightened questions about security at the resort frequented by the president, where members — who are also his paying customers — and guests can be in the same room as the commander in chief. Intelligence officials have suggested that foreign spies who never see Trump could still find value in a room filled with his aides and associates.

Additional charges in the case are “possible,” Assistant U.S. Attorney Rolando Garcia told Matthewman on Monday.

Garcia also amended a statement authorities made previously in the case. While officials have said that Zhang was arrested carrying a thumb drive with malicious software, he said Monday that appeared to be a “false posi-



Yujing Zhang, left, seen in a courtroom sketch, is charged with bluffing her way into President Trump's Florida resort last month.

tive.”

At a hearing last week, Secret Service agent Samuel Ivanovich had testified that when agents inserted the thumb drive into a computer, “a file immediately began to install itself.” But on Monday, Garcia said officials could not replicate the malware problem on a second computer.

Garcia said that Zhang got “within arm's length” of computers at Mar-a-Lago, which Matthewman said he found “concerning.” The judge also said that the electronics Zhang had on her were “especially troubling.”

Prosecutors have suggested that Zhang was deceptive and, during her hearing last week, said she could flee if released. They reiterated that Monday, and Matthewman said he believed she might go to China if allowed out on bond.

Zhang faces no charges of espionage in the high-profile case, and Garcia said during her hearing last week that there were no allegations she was “a spy or this is espionage.”

Before deciding that she should remain behind bars, Matthewman said: “I have not and shall not consider any political or other irrelevant issues swirling around this case.”

The indictment filed Friday in the U.S. District Court for the

Southern District of Florida similarly makes no mention of any espionage elements, noting only that Zhang “knowingly” entered restricted grounds. It goes on to state that she told a Secret Service agent “she was there to attend a ‘United Nations Friendship Event,’ when in truth and in fact, and as the defendant then and there well knew, no such event was scheduled.”

Zhang's defense attorney, Robert Adler, declined to comment about the indictment.

Adler had said Zhang paid a businessman to get into the resort. Kristy Militello, an assistant public defender representing Zhang, reiterated that explanation Monday.

In the detention order Matthewman signed Monday, he wrote that while Zhang had said she was trying to attend an event, her communications on a messaging app showed that she was told the event had been canceled “before she ever attempted to gain access to Mar-a-Lago.” Zhang's attorneys said they had not seen those messages as of Monday.

Her attorneys unsuccessfully asked the court for bond and said her father was trying to get to the United States from China.

The incident at Mar-a-Lago brought renewed attention to

questions about security protocols at the club, where Trump once huddled with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe about a national security issue — a ballistic missile test by North Korea — at a table on the terrace, in full view of the resort's guests.

The Secret Service had said in a statement it “does not determine who is invited or welcome at Mar-a-Lago,” pointing to the club's management as responsible for granting access. The agency said proximity to the president occurs only with “additional screening and security measures,” adding that its practices at Mar-a-Lago were similar to how it operated “at any other site temporarily visited by the president or other Secret Service protectees.”

Trump has described the breach as a “fluke” and said he was “very happy” with the Secret Service's protection.

The criminal complaint laid out a strange narrative that preceded Zhang's arrest. According to the complaint, Zhang made her way through a Mar-a-Lago security checkpoint by showing Chinese passports and saying she was there to go to the swimming pool. When Mar-a-Lago security could not find her on their access list, the club's employees thought she was related to a member with the same last name and let her onto the property.

Zhang told a receptionist she was there for “a United Nations Chinese American Association event” that evening, but the receptionist determined there was no such event and contacted the Secret Service, an affidavit filed with the complaint said. The affidavit, signed by a Secret Service special agent, says Zhang said she was there for that event, had come early to take photos and, as the interview continued, “became verbally aggressive with agents.”

They found the electronic devices while she was detained, the agent wrote.

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Berman reported from Washington.

# Trump accounting firm urged to reject subpoena

BY TOM HAMBURGER

Attorneys for President Trump on Monday told an accounting firm working for the president that it would be improper to turn over tax documents to a House committee that is expected to issue a subpoena for the material.

Last week, the chairman of the House Oversight Committee, Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), announced his intention to subpoena Mazars USA after the company refused a March request to hand over Trump's financial documents, citing laws and rules that require a subpoena for such documents.

Cummings said the company had requested a “friendly subpoena” before it would comply with the request for information related to the Trump Organization, the president's revocable trust and other entities.

On Monday, lawyers for the president and the Trump Organization wrote in a letter to the accounting firm's counsel that a committee subpoena “would not be valid or enforceable.”

The president's lawyers — William S. Consovoy and Stefan Passantino — wrote that a subpoena from Cummings's panel would be invalid “because it would have no legitimate legislative purpose.”

They said that “the real reason that Chairman Cummings wants our clients' financial information is to advance the Democrat Party's agenda of politically attacking President Trump. . . . The Democrats' fervor has only intensified after the Special Counsel squelched their ‘Russia collusion’ narrative.”

In a statement, Mazars USA said that the firm “believes strongly in the ethical and professional rules and regulations that govern our industry, our work and our client interactions.”

“As a matter of firm policy and professional rules we do not comment on the work we conduct for our clients,” the firm said. “Mazars USA will respect the legal process

and fully comply with its legal obligations.”

Cummings did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The pressure on the accounting firm to resist the looming House subpoena comes after the Treasury Department missed an initial deadline to hand over Trump's tax returns to the House Ways and Means Committee, which then set another deadline of April 23.

Democrats in the House expect the Trump administration to take the battle over the tax returns to the courts, so they have sought other avenues to learn about Trump's business practices.

The House panel told Mazars that it is seeking the documents to corroborate testimony of the president's former lawyer, Michael Cohen, who told a congressional hearing recently that Trump artificially inflated and deflated the reported value of his assets for personal gain.

At the time of his testimony, Cohen gave the committee financial statements that he said Trump provided to Deutsche Bank during a 2014 attempt to buy the Buffalo Bills.

The documents showed Trump's net worth soared from \$4.55 billion in 2012 to \$8.66 billion in 2013 because of the addition of a line item for \$4 billion worth of “brand value”— essentially the value Trump placed on his name.

The Oversight Committee sent a letter to Mazars on March 20 requesting information on how those financial statements and other disclosure documents were prepared.

Consovoy and Passantino wrote Cummings on Monday that Mazars is required to decline the committee's request “under federal law, New York law, and the ethical rules that govern accountants duties to their clients. Further attempts to obtain that information (by subpoena or otherwise) would be improper for many reasons.”

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# New Democratic governors take aim at GOP policies

BY TIM CRAIG

AUGUSTA, MAINE — Standing in front of a stove shop powered by 83 rooftop solar panels, Gov. Janet Mills (D) used three simple words to usher in her state's new solar energy policy.

“It's now law,” Mills shouted as she raised her pen after signing legislation that expands the use of renewable energy in Maine.

The bill had been fiercely opposed by Mills's predecessor, Republican Paul LePage, a staunch conservative known for rantorous comments, penny-pinching budgets and denial of man-made climate change. For Mills, the solar metering bill is part of an effort to rapidly reverse the policies of LePage and the conservative interest groups that backed him for eight years.

“We are doing things differently now in Maine,” Mills said in an interview after the signing early this month. “And we are going to continue doing things differently.”

Mills is one of seven Democrats who flipped GOP-held governorships last year and are moving quickly to shift debate leftward in their states. Their agendas bolster and defend the Affordable Care Act, enjoin their states in the fight over climate change, and revitalize state budgets that often saw stagnant funding under their GOP predecessors.

Just as important, the new Democratic governors say, they view their governorships as gentler, less adversarial models for how government should function in the era of President Trump.

“As much as certain kinds of behavior grab headlines, people out there still, I think, are hungry for a better degree, higher level of civility,” said Mills, who was elected Maine's first female governor in November. “People want a more thoughtful approach to governing and a more thoughtful approach to public policy.”

On her first day in office, Mills moved to expand Medicaid in the state under the ACA, a direct rebuke to LePage's staunch opposition to the federal health-care law. She also has reversed his call for Medicaid work requirements, pushed to roll back his support for offshore drilling and sought to expand access to abortions by allowing health-care providers other than doctors to perform them.

New Democratic governors are making similar moves across the country: In Michigan, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has been pushing a gasoline-tax hike to pay for highway repairs that she says were neglected by her predeces-



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“We are doing things differently now in Maine,” said Gov. Janet Mills (D), who has rolled back some of her GOP predecessor's policies.

sor, Republican Rick Snyder. In Wisconsin, Gov. Tony Evers is promoting a plan to expand Medicaid to 82,000 low- and moderate-income state residents, a change that was opposed by the previous governor, Scott Walker (R).

In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker has been pushing to raise the minimum wage while supporting pay increases for child- and health-care workers that his predecessor, Republican Bruce Rauner, rejected. And in his first months in office, Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak has signed legislation to expand background checks for gun purchases, even though some local sheriffs are rebelling against the law and vowing that they won't enforce it.

New Democratic governors in Kansas and New Mexico have made clean energy and climate change a centerpiece of their early efforts. Of the seven governors, six of them — Evers, Mills, Pritzker, Sisolak, Whitmer and Michelle Lujan Grisham of New Mexico — have signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance, pledging to meet the goals outlined in the Paris climate accord, even though Trump withdrew the United States from the pact.

There's debate about whether the new governors are shifting policy too far to the left for some

voters' tastes. Evers, for example, has proposed granting in-state tuition rates to some undocumented immigrants, decriminalizing small amounts of marijuana and freezing school vouchers, which had been a top priority of Walker.

But Charles Franklin, director of the Marquette Law School Poll, notes that about half of Wisconsin voters approve of Evers's job performance.

“After eight years of Republican rule, with Democrats having zero influence, there is now pent-up demand among Democrats for a Democratic agenda,” said Franklin, adding that Republicans will be incensed that “you are rejecting everything we did for the last eight years.”

## Moving to the left

What the Democratic governors are able to accomplish hinges heavily on the partisan makeup of their legislatures. GOP lawmakers in Wisconsin and Kansas, for example, have vowed to block Evers's and Gov. Laura Kelly's efforts to expand Medicaid. Those in Michigan have signaled that they are unlikely to support Whitmer's ambitious gas-tax proposal.

But in Maine, the leftward tilt of the legislature — which has been infused in recent years by supporters of Sen. Bernie Sanders

(I-Vt.) — has provided Mills with a pathway to prioritize climate change and roll back some of LePage's policies.

Mills's upbringing and early career prepared her to take on a Republican agenda. She grew up in a family of prominent Republicans in Farmington, a town about 40 miles north of the state capital, Augusta, in foothills known for lumberjacks and downhill skiers.

Her father, Sumner Peter Mills Jr., was a state legislator who served as the U.S. attorney for Maine in the 1950s. After being drawn to San Francisco during the “Summer of Love” in 1967 and to Paris to study French, she returned to Maine in the early 1970s and registered to vote as a Democrat.

“I had time to think about it, and it just felt like that is where things were going,” Mills said. “Women's issues were becoming much more broadly discussed. You had civil rights issues. You had antiwar things, and the Democrats were at the forefront of a lot of issues.”

During her stints as Maine's attorney general — from 2009 to 2011 and again from 2013 until her swearing-in as governor this year — Mills frequently clashed with LePage while he was governor.

When he sought to join other

GOP-led states in a lawsuit to overturn the ACA, Mills refused to represent him. LePage sued Mills in 2017 after she added Maine to a multistate lawsuit challenging Trump's decision to suspend the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, which shields some young immigrants from deportation.

Now as governor, Mills's governing style stands in particular contrast to that of LePage, who has a long history of racially inflammatory statements and once referred to himself as being “Donald Trump before Donald Trump became popular.”

While LePage notoriously refused to attend Martin Luther King Jr. Day events, Mills led the holiday march around the state Capitol this year. In a nod to Maine's growing diversity, she also changed the state highway signs, replacing LePage's preferred “Open for Business” with “Welcome Home.”

## Environment before business

So far, even many Republicans here say they are willing to give Mills a chance, believing she will be a calmer leader than LePage was known to be.

“I believe strongly in the Maine cycle of switching between the parties and giving us the balance

that you don't have in a lot of places,” said Jodi Hollingsworth, 48, a self-described moderate Republican who backs Mills's support for expanding Medicaid. “Being from around here, she knows we have a lot of uninsured people who live off free spaghetti suppers and bake sales to pay their medical bills.”

But some Maine Republicans warn that the mood of the electorate could shift rapidly if Mills seeks to raise taxes, as some of the other new Democratic governors are trying to do.

In her first two-year budget proposal, Mills avoided a tax hike but proposed an 11 percent increase in spending, including more money for schools and health-care initiatives. In comparison, LePage was known to stockpile budget savings, resulting in a record \$250 million reserve fund by the time he left office.

“There is real concern all of the progress created under LePage could be decimated and go away in this next budget,” said Charles Webster, a Franklin County commissioner and a former chairman of the Maine Republican Party.

A cornerstone of Mills's agenda, to limit reliance on fossil fuels, is already facing stiff resistance from some state residents.

In February, she threw her support behind a 145-mile high-voltage transmission line to transfer hydropower from Quebec to Massachusetts, arguing that the project would transform New England's clean-energy portfolio, saving up to 3.6 million metric tons of carbon pollution annually.

Residents along the proposed path of the transmission line, however, have mounted intense opposition. They include liberal environmentalists worried about the loss of trees as well as conservatives who question how the project would benefit Maine.

Last month, despite a personal plea from Mills, residents in her hometown, Farmington, voted 262 to 102 to oppose the project.

“When I found out [Mills] approved the power line I thought, ‘Well it must be okay,’” said Stewart Goodwin, a retired English teacher. “But now, the more I find out about it, I'm waiting for her to change her mind, because I've learned so much against it.”

For now, Mills is optimistic that Maine residents will continue to respect that she's trying to move the state to a “healthier” future.

“I don't think there will be any buildings or bridges with my name on it,” Mills said. “But I think somebody will say, ‘She has done good.’”

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# Justice Dept. says it plans to release redacted Mueller report on Thursday

**BY DEVLIN BARRETT**

The Justice Department expects to release on Thursday a redacted version of special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s report on President Trump, his associates and Russia’s interference in the 2016 election, setting the stage for further battles in Congress over the politically explosive inquiry.

Kerri Kupec, a spokeswoman for the department, said Monday that officials intend to issue the report to Congress and the public on Thursday morning.

The report, which runs nearly 400 pages without exhibits, has been the subject of heated debate since Attorney General William P.

Barr notified lawmakers last month that Mueller had completed his 22-month investigation.

The report’s release to Congress and the public will come days after Barr told Congress he believed “spying” on the Trump campaign occurred during the 2016 election — a statement that buoyed Trump and his supporters, who have long said that the Russia investigation arose from false accusations and bad motives.

In a four-page letter to Congress, Barr said in March that Mueller “did not find that the Trump campaign or anyone associated with it conspired or coordinated with Russia in its efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presiden-

tial election.”

Barr’s letter also said the special counsel withheld judgment on whether Trump tried to obstruct justice during the investigation.

“The Special Counsel . . . did not draw a conclusion — one way or the other — as to whether the examined conduct constituted obstruction,” Barr wrote. “. . . The Special Counsel states that ‘while this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him.’ ”

Barr and his deputy, Rod J. Rosenstein, examined the obstruction evidence laid out by Mueller’s team and concluded it did not rise to the level of obstruction of justice.

Since those findings were an-

nounced, congressional Democrats have been sharply critical of Barr’s handling of the Mueller report, accusing the attorney general of soft-pedaling the findings to protect the president.

The House Judiciary Committee is poised to issue a subpoena for the report’s redacted portions.

As Barr’s standoff with House Democrats continues, at least one influential Republican — Rep. Devin Nunes (Calif.) — has signed on to an effort to demand that the attorney general provide the House Intelligence Committee with any redacted intelligence and counterintelligence information that Mueller considered in compiling his report.

In a letter to Justice Department

leaders dated March 27 but made public only Monday, Nunes and Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.) cited laws that entitle the Intelligence Committee to review such information. Schiff is the panel’s chairman, Nunes its top Republican.

In their letter, Nunes and Schiff requested “all materials, regardless of form and classification, obtained or produced by the Special Counsel’s office in the course of the investigation” — while also insisting that the Justice Department make Mueller and the senior staff who worked with him available to brief the committee.

Barr has spent weeks redacting sensitive information from the report in preparation for its public release. He is shielding four spe-

cific categories of information: grand jury material, details whose public release could harm ongoing investigations, any information that would “potentially compromise sources and methods” in intelligence collection, and anything that would “unduly infringe on the personal privacy and reputational interests of peripheral third parties.”

That last category of redaction suggests Barr wants to keep secret any derogatory information gathered by investigators about figures who ended up not being central to Mueller’s investigation.

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# Returns: Senator from Vermont, wife earned \$1.7 million over past 2 years

**BY MICHAEL KRANISH AND SEAN SULLIVAN**

Sen. Bernie Sanders, who has made income inequality a hallmark of his presidential campaign, earned with his wife about \$566,000 last year and \$1.15 million in 2017, putting them in the nation’s highest income brackets, according to tax returns released by the presidential candidate Monday.

Sanders (I-Vt.) and his wife were in the top 1 percent of all taxpayers for those two years, according to an Internal Revenue Service calculation that said such people had an adjusted gross income of \$480,000 or higher. By comparison, the average income for an American household in 2018 was \$62,175, according to an analysis by Sentier Research.

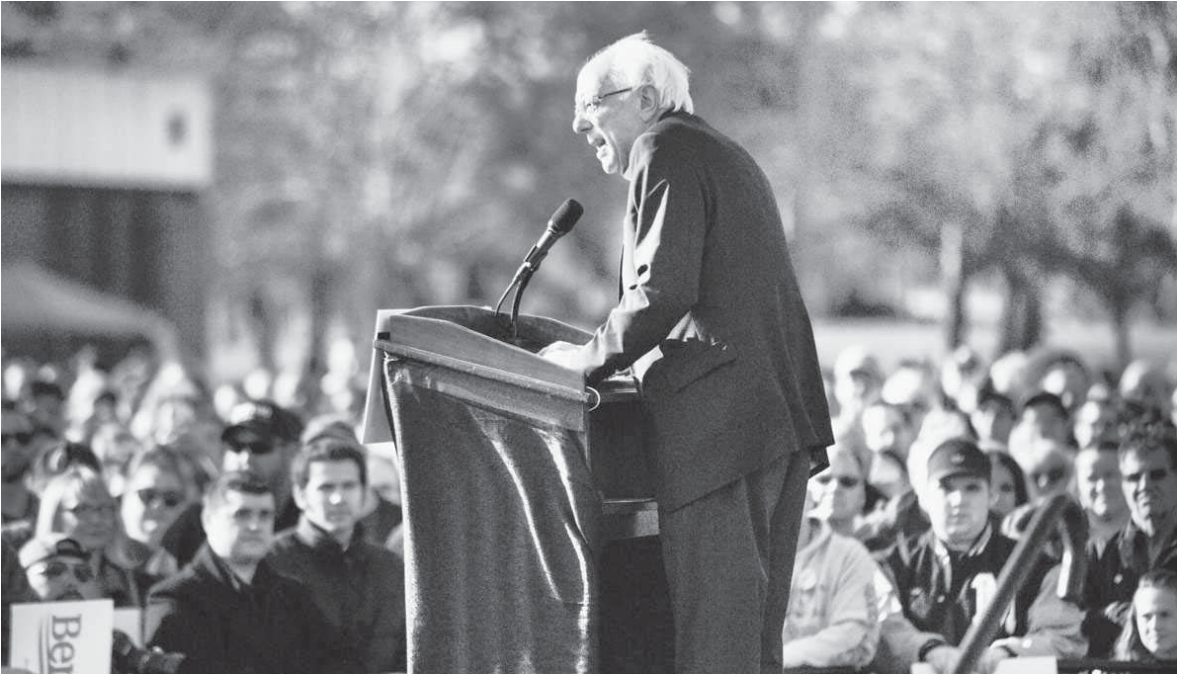
Sanders’s annual Senate salary is \$174,000. Much of his income came from books he has written about his democratic socialist platform, which includes a call for higher taxes on the wealthiest Americans.

He has become wealthier, in part, by cashing in on his status as a presidential candidate. In 2014, before his first presidential run, he reported an income with his wife of about \$206,000, according to his tax returns.

Since then, he has written two campaign-oriented books: “Our Revolution” in November 2016 and “Where We Go From Here” in November 2018. The impact of his book contracts is most evident in Sanders’s return for 2017, when he and his wife reported wages of \$139,549 and business income — most of it from books — of \$961,784.

That squares with a financial disclosure report that Sanders filed last year as a senator and that showed he earned \$880,000 in royalties from book deals.

The 2018 returns show that Sanders and his wife, Jane, contributed about \$19,000 to charity out of their income of \$566,000, or 3.35 percent. The couple gave \$36,300 to charity in 2017. The Sanders campaign said those rates do not reflect charitable proceeds given from one of his books, which



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Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination, at a campaign stop Saturday in Warren, Mich.

he did not deduct from his taxes. The campaign did not say how much was given in that case.

“These tax returns show that our family has been fortunate,” Sanders said in a statement. “I am very grateful for that, as I grew up in a family that lived paycheck to paycheck and I know the stress of economic insecurity. . . . I consider paying more in taxes as my income rose to be both an obligation and an investment in our country.”

The Sanders campaign said in a news release that he paid a 26 percent effective tax rate in 2018.

Speaking at a Fox News Channel town hall Monday night, Sanders sought to downplay his wealth. “You raised the issue. I am a millionaire,” Sanders told a questioner, making air quotes as he spoke. “Well, actually, this year we had \$560,000 in income.”

Daniel Shaviro, a New York University School of Law professor of taxation who examined the 2018

return at the request of The Washington Post, said the return was straightforward.

“He didn’t do a whole lot, economically or tax-wise, other than earn his Senate salary, Social Security income and book royalties, as well as paying state and local taxes and giving about \$19,000 to charity,” Shaviro said. “This clearly is not the tax return of someone who does either a lot of tax planning or complex investing.”

The earliest return released Monday, for 2009, was done by hand, which may indicate that the couple did the taxes themselves. It showed they had total income of \$314,742. All of the other returns have typed entries.

There is no requirement that presidential candidates release their tax returns, but many have done so by tradition. Sanders faced pressure to release his returns this year as Democrats have increasingly made an issue of

President Trump’s refusal to release returns.

Trump said during the 2016 campaign that he would release his returns after an audit was completed. But after the House Ways and Means Committee recently requested them, Trump’s acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, said earlier this month that Trump would “never” turn them over.

Sanders’s personal wealth has come under heightened scrutiny in recent weeks. At a Saturday campaign stop in Gary, Ind., a reporter asked Sanders whether his millionaire status was at odds with his populist economic message.

“I don’t think so,” Sanders replied. “I didn’t know it was a crime to write a good book.”

As a senator, Sanders has been required to release a financial disclosure statement, but the information in that is much more limited than a tax return. For example,

the disclosure form requires that income and debts be described only in wide ranges and does not report the value of real estate.

Sanders and his wife, Jane, have three homes, one in Burlington, a second in Washington and a third, on a Vermont lakefront. Sanders was first elected to the Senate in 2006 and served in the House for 16 years before that.

Former New Hampshire Democratic Party chair Kathy Sullivan said that while she does not see a problem with Sanders’s financial status squaring with his commitment to curbing income inequality, she was struck by the way he handled questions about his wealth. “I don’t think it’s a problem that someone has been successful in the private sector,” said Sullivan, who supported Hillary Clinton in the 2016 primary. “He seemed defensive about it, and I don’t think he should be.”

The perception of a contrast

# Sanders’s campaign escalates fight with Democrats in reprise of 2016 rifts

**BY SEAN SULLIVAN AND MICHAEL SCHERER**

WILKES-BARRE, PA.— Campaign advisers to Bernie Sanders escalated their attacks on a major Democratic-leaning think tank Monday, accusing the group of using corporate donations to mount a “consistent effort to belittle or demean” the independent Vermont senator while seeking to “kneecap” populist support for policies such as Medicare-for-all.

The onslaught, coming as Sanders sits atop national 2020 polls of declared presidential candidates, was the clearest signal yet that he plans to reprise his role as a disruptive insurgent who will run against established Democratic Party institutions even as he seeks the party’s nomination.

“I think this time around he wanted to make sure that people understood that he wasn’t just going to be a punching bag,” said Sanders’s campaign manager, Faiz Shakir, in an interview at the Mohegan Sun Pocono, where Sanders addressed members of a nurses union. “He’s comfortable having the fight within the party or outside the party, in general. That’s Bernie Sanders.”

In a sign of Sanders’s newfound power, the targeted think tank, Center for American Progress, or CAP, sought to defuse the conflict Monday afternoon with a conciliatory message.

Sanders has been upset about a video by ThinkProgress, a project of an independent affiliated organization, called Center for American Progress Action, or CAP Action. The video described how

Sanders had reduced his use of the term “millionaires” to describe the nation’s wealthy after he personally earned more than \$1 million in 2017, largely from book sales.

The president of the think tank, Neera Tanden, released a statement Monday saying she had no editorial control over the publications of CAP Action or its news website ThinkProgress, but nonetheless disagreed with the tone of the video.

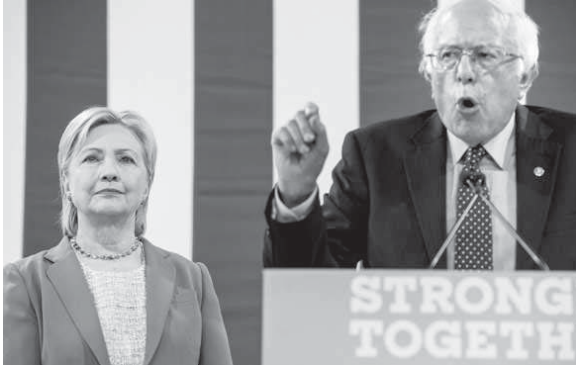
“The orientation of CAP is to positively engage with all political leaders about the country’s future,” Tanden said in a statement. “We believe the content of the ThinkProgress video critiquing Sen. Sanders is overly harsh and does not reflect our approach to a constructive debate of the issues.”

After the statement was issued, Shakir, who is a former editor at ThinkProgress, said he welcomed the contrition and hoped to meet soon with Tanden to further discuss their disagreements.

“We appreciate the statement. It affirms one of the concerns Senator Sanders had,” Shakir wrote in a text message. “Look forward to working in a more productive manner if possible.”

But lingering distrust remained between the two organizations, and by extension two wings of a party still nursing wounds from a tense and divisive 2016 primary campaign pitting establishment favorite Hillary Clinton against the insurgent Sanders.

CAP was founded in 2003, by John Podesta, a former adviser to President Bill Clinton who later served as the chairman of Hillary Clinton’s 2016 campaign. The group, for which Hillary Clinton raised



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**Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) participate in a New Hampshire rally during the divisive 2016 primary campaign.**

money, played a major role in providing a policy foundation to the first term of President Barack Obama’s administration, and several CAP officials, including Podesta, went on to serve in the Obama White House.

As recently as last year, Sanders attended a CAP ideas conference, where he thanked the group “for all the important work” it had done, and was praised onstage by Tanden. But sharp disagreements over policy began to burst into public view last week, when Sanders reintroduced his Medicare-for-all plan on the same day that CAP had previously scheduled an in-person briefing for reporters on an alternative plan backed by the think tank, called Medicare Extra for All.

Under Sanders’s plan, government-backed health care would supplant the current private employer system. Under the CAP proposal, individuals would be able to

Rabin-Havt called Tanden to complain about a line in the article that mocked Sanders’s physical appearance. Tanden passed on the complaint to the head of Center for American Progress Action Fund, Navin Nayak, who answers to a different board of directors. He passed the complaint onto the editor of ThinkProgress, Jodi Enda, without explicit instructions to make a change, said people familiar with the conversations, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal deliberations.

Enda said she had not seen the story before it published, and in consultation with the story’s editor, she decided to edit out the physical description of Sanders, because she said she disapproved of similar physical descriptions of female candidates.

“No one at CAP has ever talked to me about political ideology. No one at CAP has ever said to me you should write nice things about somebody or write mean things about somebody else,” said Enda, who employs a staff of nearly 40.

The subsequent publication of a video on the same topic detailing Sanders’s shifting rhetoric further infuriated the Sanders campaign, prompting Sanders to write a letter Saturday to the boards of both CAP and CAP Action denouncing Tanden by name for “maligning my staff and supporters and belittling progressive ideas.” The letter was first reported by the New York Times.

“Senator Sanders felt very strongly about this one,” Shakir said about the origin of the letter. “He sees that as an effort to kneecap, undermine the effort, the

populist support that exists for Medicare-for-all.”

The Sanders campaign then sent out a fundraising email Sunday that took an even more aggressive tone, calling CAP a part of “the corporate establishment” that is “bankrolled by billionaires and corporate executives that profit from finance, pharmaceutical companies, fossil fuels, and sending American jobs overseas.”

The CAP website lists its corporate donors, which do not include any 2018 contributions from pharmaceutical or fossil fuel companies. People who work at CAP and CAP Action pointed out that because Shakir used to work at ThinkProgress, he was aware of the editorial wall between the think tank and the liberal news and commentary operation.

Other candidates, including Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), have received critical coverage in ThinkProgress, which also has written tough stories about CAP and Tanden’s handling of a recent sexual harassment scandal at the organization.

Other Democrats saw Sanders’s denunciation of CAP as a worrying sign at the start of the 2020 campaign, which could herald a potentially destructive path that Sanders intends to pursue for the party’s nomination.

“I think his tone in general is too Trumplike. It’s based on anger,” said Greg Hale, a longtime Democratic presidential campaign adviser who worked for Clinton in 2016. “We all need to be together and we need to have a positive message, not a negative message.”

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# Justices tiptoe around vulgar language in challenge to trademark law

BY ROBERT BARNES

A squeamish Supreme Court did not need to hear the “f-word” or an explicit racial slur to understand the linguistic minefield it was entering Monday when considering a free-speech challenge to the federal law forbidding registration of “immoral” or “scandalous” trademarks.

“I don’t want to go through the examples,” Justice Neil M. Gorsuch told the government’s lawyer, Malcolm L. Stewart. “I really don’t.”

Justices generally don’t need to tell lawyers to avoid the profane during oral arguments, but they found themselves making hairpin swerves to avoid vulgar language Monday.

Los Angeles artist Erik Brunetti was challenging the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s decision not to register the trademark for his FUCT clothing line. His application had been denied, as Stewart delicately put it, because it “would be perceived by a substantial segment of the public as the equivalent of the profane past participle form of . . . perhaps the paradigmatic word of profanity in our lan-

guage.”

For more than a century, the trademark office has been told to deny registration of such marks. But two years ago, the court unanimously decided that a neighboring provision about “disparaging” trademarks was an unconstitutional infringement on the First Amendment.

Stewart attempted to convince the justices that the outcome of that case — brought by Simon Tam, founder of an Asian American rock band, the Slants, and advantageous to the Washington Redskins professional football team — did not dictate the result in this one.

The “ban on federal registration of scandalous trademarks is not a restriction on speech but a valid condition on participation in a federal program,” Stewart said. Brunetti can call his clothing line whatever he wants, but the government does not have to endorse it by providing trademark registration, he said.

But Stewart was blitized by questions about examples of seemingly arbitrary decisions on which trademarks were registered and which were not, and

how the government could decide when a “substantial” portion of the public would be offended.

“One way or another, it’s always subjective,” said Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Gorsuch said the decision-making resembled “a flip of the coin.”

Justice Elena Kagan said the standards set in the law are “very broad. They do include things that are offensive because of the ideas they express. So why

streetwear.

“These goods, as I understand it, are meant to attract a particular market, and if we concentrate on that market, from their perception, the word is mainstream,” Ginsburg said.

And she noted an anomaly from the briefs: The office rejected some trademarks because they were found to be scandalous *and* because they too closely resembled marks that already had been approved.

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Justice Neil M. Gorsuch

isn’t that just the end of the matter? And if Congress wants to pass a statute that’s narrower, that’s focused on vulgarity or profanity, then Congress can do that.”

Perhaps, suggested Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the word Brunetti’s brand mimics might not be immoral or scandalous to “say, 20-year-olds,” an audience he might target for his

But the tables turned a bit after Brunetti’s lawyer, John R. Sommer of Irvine, Calif., told the court there was no way to “make a sensible determination” about which trademarks are acceptable and which are not.

Justice Stephen G. Breyer was particularly concerned about whether racial slurs and the coarsest of words have a lingering effect.

“It’s stored in a different place in the brain,” Breyer said. “It leads to retention of the word. There are lots of physiological effects with very few words.”

Brunetti has said his brand stands for Friends U Can’t Trust. But when Sommer offered that the acronym was not really a profane word, Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. was not buying it.

“Oh, come on,” Alito said, adding, “We know what — you know what he’s trying to say.”

A number of justices worried whether recognizing trademarks with profanity or racial slurs might either lead to their more widespread use or be seen as some sort of government endorsement of the terms.

“The racial slur we all know about, okay, suddenly, in certain places in the United States, appearing as a product name, appearing on every bus where it’s advertised, appearing on newsstands in Times Square . . . and where children and others see it,” Breyer said in describing his concerns.

“As they point out, this doesn’t stop anybody from saying [it], it does stop them from claiming it’s a registered trademark, i.e.,

product source recognized by the government.”

When Sommer said his client’s merchandise would not be available at Target or Walmart, Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. said that doesn’t solve the problem.

“It is going to be on people walking down through the mall,” Roberts said. “And, you know, for parents who are trying to teach their children not to use those kinds of words, they’re going to look at that and say” the word has a trademark recognized by the federal government.

In his rebuttal, Stewart seemed to raise the stakes for the justices. He said that the Patent and Trademark Office is treating the court’s decision in *Matal v. Tam*, regarding disparaging trademarks, as prohibiting a denial of registration for racial slurs.

“But with respect to the single most offensive racial slur, the PTO is currently holding in abeyance applications that incorporate that word, pending this court’s decision” in Brunetti’s case, Stewart said.

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# In Texas GOP, a rising star’s Muslim faith sets him apart

BY ANNIE GOWEN

SOUTHLAKE, TEX. — He was called a terrorist and a stealth jihadist out to impose a system of Islamic law on the naive and unsuspecting citizens of suburban Texas.

Some days, Shahid Shafi thought about quitting, rather than enduring a campaign by ultra-right-wing conservatives to oust him from his Republican Party leadership post because he is a Muslim.

But Shafi prevailed, retaining his position as vice chairman of the Tarrant County GOP and becoming a symbol of religious freedom. He’s a sought-after speaker now and a rising star in the party, with Republican Gov. Greg Abbott and Sen. Ted Cruz among his high-profile supporters.

“To grow our party, we need to add conservative Americans of all types, not subtract them,” Shafi, 54, said at a recent fundraiser in Houston, where the well-heeled crowd of political elites gave his message of inclusion a standing ovation.



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**Shahid Shafi, Tarrant County GOP vice chairman, speaks before the state party’s executive committee Dec. 1 in Austin after it voted to oppose a county party effort to remove him because of his religion.**

Texas, but its voters went for charismatic challenger Beto O’Rourke, a Democrat, over Cruz in last year’s U.S. Senate race.

“It’s a civil war,” said James Scott Trimm, a conservative blogger who said he opposed Shafi because of his stance on Israel, not his religion.

“We’re going into an election year, and with a bunch of party leaders fighting, we risk losing House races, the Senate race and the presidency, for heaven’s sake,” Trimm said. “At the end of the day, we need to be worried about winning Republican elections, not fighting among ourselves.”

**‘It’s stealth jihad’**

Shafi, a trauma surgeon and Pakistani immigrant, was a relatively unknown City Council member in the tony Fort Worth suburb of Southlake — where the median income is \$189,432 — when he was appointed vice chairman of the Tarrant County Republican Party in July.

The move outraged several of the party’s more conservative precinct chairs, who launched a contentious effort to remove him from his post. In addition to demonizing his religion, they suspected him of supporting gun control and argued that he did not go far enough in declaring support for Israel.

In January, the precinct chairs met for a final vote on Shafi,

gathering in a Pentecostal church, where the windows were papered over to block TV news cameras and protesters, including one woman who wore a burqa in a show of opposition to Shafi’s appointment.

They ultimately decided to allow Shafi to keep his leadership position by a vote of 139 to 49. A beaming Shafi told reporters that the vote reaffirmed his belief “in my party and my country.”

As part of the party leadership’s peacemaking effort, Trimm — one of Shafi’s most vocal opponents — was appointed to the recruitment committee, a move that ignited more furor among those who wanted to move on from the headline-grabbing incident. The committee chairman quit, and the group was disbanded.

Major donors avoided the county party’s Lincoln Day dinner, which netted \$38,000, far less than the \$150,000 or so it made in other years, according to party officials.

Now, some of the Tarrant49ers, as Shafi’s opponents call themselves after the 49 votes against him, are seeking retribution. They have set their sights on defeating Shafi’s supporters, taking control of the party and shifting it to the right.

Over iced tea at a suburban mall cafe, one of the group’s leaders, Dorrie O’Brien, said the

Tarrant49ers oppose Shafi not only because he is Muslim, but also for a whole host of reasons, including that he has not strongly voiced his support of Israel or the Second Amendment.

O’Brien, a precinct chairwoman and an editor of romance and science-fiction novels, believes Shafi is part of a global conspiracy to impose Islam’s moral code of sharia law on the United States and that he is a member of the Muslim Brotherhood — the transnational Islamist group long accused of extremist ties.

Her primary piece of evidence, she says, is that Shafi once attended an interfaith Ramadan dinner in Dallas with others she presumes are members of the Brotherhood.

“It’s stealth jihad. It’s soft jihad,” she said. “He’s never going to pull out a sword and cut my head off. He’s not going to hurt anybody physically. He’s an influencer. The damage he does is by normalizing this ideology, making it look good and safe, and it’s not.”

Shafi smiles when asked about these allegations, which he has denied.

“Listen, I’m an immigrant to this country, and I’ve faced far worse adversity,” he said. “There was a time when I didn’t have enough to eat. At the same time, I’ve found a lot of opportunities

as well.”

Shafi arrived in the United States in 1990 as a newly minted doctor. After he was rejected by the first 100 surgery programs to which he applied, he pursued a master’s degree in public health at Johns Hopkins University. During those lean years, he found that he could stave off hunger with one small order of salty McDonald’s french fries if he drank enough water.

He underwent surgical training at the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and the University of Pennsylvania before he and his wife, Ayesha, a radio executive, moved to Texas to start a family. They joined a tide of other immigrants who have made the Dallas-Fort Worth area the fourth-largest enclave of Muslims in the country.

Shafi says he was inspired to join the Republican Party shortly after he became a U.S. citizen in 2009, drawn to its message of small government after a childhood spent in Karachi under military rule.

When he decided to run for City Council in 2011, friends and family warned him that voters in Texas would never accept a Muslim in post-9/11 America.

“I never believed it,” he said. “I’ve always been welcomed with open arms and warm hearts in the Republican Party.”

When he finally won the seat in 2014, bigotry trailed him, even in that first flush of victory. Shortly after the election, a school board member in a nearby community wrote on her Facebook page: “YOU NOW HAVE A ‘MUSLIM’ on the City Council!!! What A SHAME!!!!”

The woman later apologized.

**The political heart of Texas**

Analysts say the Texas Republican Party is at a critical juncture heading into the 2020 presidential election, with the possibility that an increasingly diverse population will make Texas a swing state. So far, the risk is remote, but the number of people of color in Texas is rising. According to the Texas Demographic Center, people of color accounted for 58 percent of the state’s population, up from 47 percent in 2000.

November’s dismal election results for Republicans were a wake-up call, party officials say. Cruz barely pulled off a victory over O’Rourke, and the party lost two state Senate seats and 12 state House seats to the Democrats.

“I’m warning people: If we don’t do the hard work that we must, we will not, nor would we deserve to, retain control of Texas,” said James Dickey, chairman

of the state Republican Party. “We have to continue to earn the votes of rural Texas and increase the numbers in the major metro areas that are growing the fastest.”

As Texas Republicans attempt to widen their reach, they’re grappling with the party’s standard-bearer, Trump, whose anti-immigrant, anti-Muslim rhetoric has emboldened some of the more extreme members of the party.

“There is a tension here because President Trump has been very outspoken,” said Matthew Wilson, an associate professor at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and an expert in religion and politics. “I think the statewide and broader Republican leadership wanted to powerfully send the message of religious tolerance, that Islam is not a disqualifier for patriotism. It’s a bad look for the party to appear hostile to that.”

Shafi declined to say whether he voted for Trump — “that’s between him and me” — or whether he supports the Trump administration’s travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries or the \$5 billion sought for a wall on the Mexican border. He would say only that he believes in “securing the border by any means necessary.”

Among the supporters that the Tarrant49ers have targeted for defeat is Lisa Grimaldi Abdulkareem, a 42-year-old paralegal and a party precinct chairwoman. Abdulkareem is Christian but married to an Iraqi who served as a translator for U.S. troops during the Iraq War.

When Abdulkareem, 42, spoke up in support of Shafi, she became the victim of an online hate campaign, with her home address leaked. Despite years working for conservative candidates, Abdulkareem was targeted by the anti-Islam website Understanding-TheThreat.com, which described her as “another jihadi-defending Muslim working inside the Republic [sic] party. Someone wake up the GOP in Texas!!!!”

One commenter suggested Texans should “geehaad her ass.”

Abdulkareem feels that the episode could become a point of change for mainstream Republicans in her state.

“For a long time, they didn’t think this small group of people would really affect the party. They have ignored them for years,” Abdulkareem said of the local GOP leadership. “Now they’ve realized they’ve got to stop doing that, because it’s scaring people away.”

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# House Democrats subpoena Deutsche Bank, other institutions tied to Trump

BY KAROUN DEMIRJIAN

House Democrats issued subpoenas Monday for records from Deutsche Bank and other financial institutions, seeking information regarding President Trump’s business ventures as several congressional panels took steps to intensify their scrutiny of the president’s personal accounts and corporate dealings.

The subpoenas, first reported by the New York Times, were issued by the House Intelligence and Financial Services committees, which have been leading the Democrats’ probe of Trump’s fi-

nances. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), chairwoman of the Financial Services Committee, said in a statement Monday that Trump’s “potential use of the U.S. financial system for illicit purposes is a very serious concern.”

Rep. Adam B. Schiff (D-Calif.), chairman of the Intelligence Committee, has also said the panels want to know whether the president’s financial transactions left him susceptible to foreign influence.

In a statement Monday, Schiff referred to the Deutsche Bank summons as a “friendly subpoena” — suggesting that the bank

may have requested the order before complying with it. A representative for Deutsche Bank did not immediately respond to a request for comment Monday night, but Schiff added that the bank was working with the panels, noting that he looked “forward to their continued cooperation and compliance.”

Lawmakers have focused special attention on Deutsche Bank since Trump’s former lawyer and fixer Michael Cohen said Trump provided it with financial records that inflated his assets to secure loans from the company to finance real estate projects and, in

one case, to attempt to buy the NFL’s Buffalo Bills. The bank is reported to have played a critical role in sustaining Trump’s real estate empire by providing him critical high-risk loans at a time when the businessman was having difficulty securing funds from other institutions.

The transactions Trump conducted with the bank are of interest not just to Democratic lawmakers investigating the president. Last month, the New York attorney general also subpoenaed records from Deutsche Bank related to loans it had made to Trump’s companies in recent

years.

Deutsche Bank is not the only financial institution connected to Trump that has been cooperating with the House panels’ probes of his finances. Last week, House Oversight and Reform Committee Chairman Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.) announced that he would subpoena Trump’s accounting firm, Mazars USA, for records pertaining to the president’s financial affairs. Cummings said Mazars had requested a “friendly subpoena,” citing laws and rules that the firm said required a subpoena before it could issue such records.

The president’s lawyers have

been pushing the accounting firm not to comply with that order, arguing that the congressional subpoena “would not be valid or enforceable.”

Similar clashes over subpoenas are expected to transpire between lawmakers and the administration in the weeks ahead as House Democrats push Trump’s team to turn over documents ranging from the president’s tax returns to the full report and underlying materials produced in special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election.

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A pedestrian passes a Williamsburg, N.Y., clinic last week where measles vaccinations were being given. Authorities have genetically matched the ongoing outbreak in New York with one in Michigan.

# Michigan traveler thought he had already had measles

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cent of measles cases reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention occurred in various insular communities, among them the Amish in Ohio, the Somali community in Minnesota, Eastern European groups in the Pacific Northwest and the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community in New York.

In this outbreak, the New York contagion has spread through Patient Zero and other travelers to predominantly ultra-Orthodox communities in Westchester and Rockland counties in New York, Oakland County in Michigan and Baltimore County in Maryland. On Friday, Connecticut officials said an adult contracted measles while visiting Brooklyn in late March. New Jersey officials are investigating possible links between 11 cases in the Ocean County area and those in New York.

“What’s similar about all of these communities is that they live in proximity to each other and spend a lot of their time interacting with each other,” said Daniel Salmon, a professor of international health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and director of the school’s Institute for Vaccine Safety. “That’s what matters. Measles doesn’t care what your cultural heritage is.”

Many of these communities are wary of government, avoid television and the Internet, and often rely on their own clinicians for medical care. In such a void, anti-vaccine misinformation has sometimes gained a foothold, deterring parents from fully vaccinating their children.

## Hatzalah action

The traveler had come from Israel last November to Brooklyn, the epicenter of a measles outbreak, and stayed for about two months before going on to the Detroit area in early March, said Russell Faust, Oakland County’s medical officer. The man, whom health officials are not identifying, told them he was visiting ultra-Orthodox communities in the United States to raise money for charity.

Feverish and coughing after his arrival, he saw a doctor, who prescribed antibiotics.

When the man called back to complain of a rash the next day, the doctor thought he was having an allergic reaction. But after the doctor thought more about it, he worried about the possibility of measles and decided to leave a voice message for the health department with the man’s cell-phone number. Health officials jumped on the case — but couldn’t reach the man because of a problem with his cellphone.

They turned to Steve McGraw, head of Oakland emergency medical services and a longtime member of the Detroit-area Hatzalah, the ultra-Orthodox community’s emergency medical response group, an all-volunteer effort with deep ties to many families. McGraw alerted rabbinical leaders, then jumped in his car and drove to the area where the traveler was supposed to be staying to look for the man’s rental car, a blue sedan, knowing it would stand out among the minivans used by virtually every family.

Hatzalah members and rabbinical leaders also mobilized to search for the traveler, who was staying in a neighborhood guesthouse. When they found him a few hours later, the traveler was stunned. He told McGraw and the rabbi who found him that they had to be wrong since he believed he had had the measles.

“There is only one disease, and you have it,” McGraw recalled saying, as one rabbi translated into Hebrew. “He put his head down and was very emotional. I could tell from the look on his face that he was devastated. He was doing the math in his head,” he counted all the people he had been in contact with, McGraw said.

The traveler, as it turned out, had had hundreds of contacts with community members that health officials needed to trace. He had stayed mostly in private homes in the areas of Oak Park and Southfield. He had visited synagogues three times a day to pray and study and frequented kosher markets and pizza parlors, among 30 locations in one week.

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head of emergency medical services for Oakland County, Mich.

Measles virus is so infectious that if an unvaccinated person walks through a room up to two hours after someone with measles has left, there’s a 90 percent chance the unvaccinated person will get sick. People can spread measles for four days before and four days after the telltale rash. Because measles is so infectious, at least 96 percent or more of a community needs to be vaccinated to prevent risk of outbreak.

On March 13, blood tests confirmed the traveler’s measles. The strain matched the genetic fingerprint of the New York City outbreak, McGraw said. The same day, health officials alerted the public.

To get information out to the ultra-Orthodox community, health officials used its internal messaging system known as a calling post. Recorded voice messages ring on about 1,200 mobile phones. McGraw recorded a message that rabbinical leaders approved for delivery, the first of several that provided information about the disease and vaccination clinics.

Over the next few weeks, Janet Snider, a pediatrician for many ultra-Orthodox families, and Gedalya Cooper, an emergency medicine doctor, both members of the Hatzalah, visited people in their homes to diagnose and test them for measles.

The Council of Orthodox Rabbis of Greater Detroit issued an unequivocal statement, saying Jewish law obligated every community member to be “properly and fully vaccinated” according to the CDC. The agency recommends children get two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) doses, starting with the first at

age 12 through 15 months and the second at age 4 through 6 years.

“In order to protect and safeguard each and every individual within the larger community, every individual, family and institution must take the necessary precautions against anyone who chooses not to be vaccinated,” the statement said.

The Hatzalah and rabbinical leaders helped the health department set up three clinics at one synagogue, immunizing nearly 1,000 people in one week. As of early April, health officials have given more than 2,100 vaccinations. Vaccine refusal does not appear to be a major factor in the Oakland County cluster, officials said.

## ‘Unforgiving’

In Michigan, at least, the close collaboration between health officials and the religious community appears to have controlled the spread of the disease, which can cause severe complications including deafness, pneumonia, brain damage and death.

Now, with 555 measles cases in 20 states — the highest in five years — other localities are looking at that model. Hatzalah groups in other parts of the country are reaching out to county officials for advice on boosting

vaccination within the ultra-Orthodox community, Faust said.

Oakland County had something else going for it: Measles outbreaks typically start with children. But Patient Zero had spent most of his time with adults, and most of the 39 cases are in adults. Many adults who got sick had believed they were immune, since some had been told they had had the disease as children or been vaccinated.

“There are a fair number of nonimmunized or under-immunized adults,” said Faust, the medical officer. Some of the adults infected also were born before 1957, when most people caught measles and are thought to have natural immunity.

Officials said that the risk remains high for those who are unvaccinated or under-vaccinated and who travel to communities here or abroad where measles cases are raging.

Gaps in vaccination coverage have led to a 20-year high in measles cases in Europe. Major outbreaks also are taking place in parts of the Middle East, Southeast Asia and Japan. More than 1,200 people have died in Madagascar. With spring break and summer vacations approaching, travelers visiting European countries with outbreaks, such as France and Italy, have a much higher chance of bringing infections back to “islands or pockets of vulnerability,” said Saad Omer, an infectious disease expert at Emory University.

“Measles is a very unforgiving disease,” he said. “Even if most people are vaccinated, that number may not be high enough.”

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# THE WORLD

## In Kabul, a Kremlin cultural hub is resurrected



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Complex has been rebuilt without ceremony for a new era of Russian influence in Afghanistan

BY AMIE FERRIS-ROTMAN

KABUL — The Kremlin has opened a flashy new cultural hub in the Afghan capital. Again.

When Moscow built its first one, the House of Science and Culture in the 1980s, Red Army troops were waging war in the country against U.S.-backed mujahideen fighters.

Now, as the American war in Afghanistan winds down, Russia has resurrected the building on the same site as its Soviet predecessor, which was bulldozed six years ago. The center stands as a vivid illustration of Russia's renewed influence in Afghanistan.

Yet Moscow also keeps some ingrained caution about all things Afghan. The Russian complex opened quietly, without ceremony and with no advertising apart from its unassuming Russian-language website. Many in Kabul believe the large, reflective-windowed structure is still under construction.

Russian officials say activities began in 2017, but are only picking up now.

The center has hosted films, concerts, fashion shows and a stream of visiting Russian lawmakers and Muslim Russian leaders. Young Afghans gather once a week to play indoor soccer before nipping into the on-site “banya” for a quick steam, Russian-style.

“For some Afghans, the Soviet war is not viewed favorably. But for most, those years were bright,” said Vyacheslav Nekrasov, director of the new Russian Center of Science and Culture in Kabul — part of a network of similar Moscow-funded sites around the world, Russia’s counterpart to France’s Alliance Française or Germany’s Goethe-Institut.

In Kabul, the Russian Embassy is on the other side of Darulaman Street, a wide thoroughfare some distance from the congested, fume-choked center of Kabul.

American culture has seeped into Afghanistan in the form of movies and music and many young people speaking varying degrees of English. But the United States is literally half a world away. Giant Russia looms to the north and its pull is more tangible.

At any one time, 6,500 Afghans

are studying Russian across Afghanistan, and the center helps manage their hopes for a free-ride scholarship to a Russian university. Veterans from Moscow’s decade-long war in Afghanistan are also frequent guests, occasionally facing their erstwhile opponents on the center’s soccer pitch.

Now, after sitting on the sidelines of the U.S.-led war for the past 18 years, Russia is reasserting itself ahead of Washington’s planned drawdown of its 14,000 troops, which President Trump says will come after progress in any possible peace settlement.

Moscow has built up a military presence along Afghanistan’s northern edge and is playing an active role in peace talks, bringing together the Taliban and Afghan power brokers in major meetings in the Russian capital that run parallel to the ongoing talks

between the U.S. government and the Taliban.

U.S. officials have accused the Kremlin of providing small arms to the Taliban, part of its attempt to cultivate ties with the militant group. Russia has denied the accusations.

Slinging quips and sporting a bushy mustache and a black suit, Nekrasov cuts a figure of a man who knows his Afghan audience well. He served in the Red Army in Afghanistan from 1982 to 1984, and returned 17 years ago to live in Kabul. Like many other Russian Embassy staff members, he slips easily into Dari, a variation of Farsi that is one of Afghanistan’s main languages.

Architecturally, the new center is a whisper of its former Soviet self. The former brutalist hulk stuck out like a sore thumb in the Kabul vista, becoming for many

Afghans a stark symbol of stymied imperial ambition long after the Red Army’s 1989 withdrawal.

After that, the building’s pink marble exterior was blasted by rockets as Afghanistan tumbled into civil war. The Soviet-era auditoriums became shelters for the city’s myriad drug addicts, who gathered inside to smoke opium and shoot heroin beside Socialist murals of men and women promising a better Afghan future.

At the new center — with its chandelier-lit main hall and bulletproof windows — Nekrasov stands before a recent acquisition: a large painting by an Afghan artist showing Russian President Vladimir Putin shaking hands with a MAGA cap-wearing Trump. And Trump, contrary to real life, appears shorter than the Russian leader.

“These are the two main presi-

dents of the world,” Nekrasov said. “Only they can bring peace to Afghanistan.”

His rose-tinted view is one shared by some war-weary Afghans, eager to seize on the past as a way of criticizing the current role of the United States.

“The Soviets built schools and hospitals. The Americans have given us only talk,” said Zubair Malyar, 26, an Afghan teacher of Russian whose parents lived through the Soviet war.

That 1980s war claimed the lives of at least 1 million Afghans and 15,000 Red Army soldiers, drained Moscow’s coffers and hastened the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. Shortly afterward, the Afghan Communist government was overthrown and the country became engulfed in a brutal civil war, paving the way for the rise of the Taliban.

Critics of the Kremlin say Russia is intentionally trying to isolate the United States from its NATO allies in Afghanistan. But Moscow has denied this, instead describing its interest in Afghanistan as being one of security.

Russia says it wants to protect its southern flank from the spread of Islamist extremism in Central Asia, a large area that Moscow very much still considers its backyard.

“Russia is like a brother to Afghanistan,” said Ekhlas Tamim, chairman of the Afghan Youth Development Association, an organization that facilitates Russian-language learning. “The West does not understand our country. It’s more like a cousin.”

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TOP: The front entrance of the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Kabul. ABOVE: A painting showing Russia’s Vladimir Putin shaking hands with President Trump, amid an exhibit of artwork by Kabul University students in one of the center’s conference rooms.



### DIGEST

#### YEMEN

##### U.N.: Deal reached on initial Hodeida pullouts

The U.N. envoy for Yemen announced Monday that the government and Houthi rebels have reached agreement on the military plan for the initial redeployment of forces from the key port of Hodeida.

Martin Griffiths told the U.N. Security Council by video link from Jordan that “when . . . these redeployments happen, they will be the first voluntary withdrawals of forces in this long conflict.”

He said the agreement was reached in negotiations between the parties and Lt. Gen. Michael Lollesgaard, who heads the U.N. operation monitoring a broader cease-fire and redeployment agreement reached in Sweden in

December.

The conflict in Yemen began with the 2014 takeover of the capital, Sanaa, by the Iranian-backed Houthis. A Saudi-led coalition allied with the internationally recognized government has been fighting the Houthis since 2015.

There has been concerted international pressure on the parties to implement the Hodeida deal, widely seen as a crucial first step toward much more difficult negotiations to end the war. Hodeida’s port handles about 70 percent of Yemen’s commercial and humanitarian imports.

A U.N. official has said that the first phase of redeployment involves a pullback of several miles by the Houthis and coalition forces.

— Associated Press

#### JAPAN

##### Removal of nuclear fuel at Fukushima site starts

The operator of the tsunami-wrecked Fukushima nuclear plant began removing fuel Monday from a cooling pool at one of three reactors that melted down in the 2011 disaster, a milestone in what will be a decades-long process to decommission the facility.

Tokyo Electric Power Co. said workers started removing the first of 566 used and unused fuel units stored in the pool at Unit 3. The fuel units in the pool located high up in reactor buildings are intact despite the disaster, but the pools are not enclosed, so removing the units to safer ground is crucial to avoid disaster in case of a major earthquake

similar to the one that caused the 2011 tsunami.

Tepco says the removal at Unit 3 will take two years, followed by work at the two other reactors, where about 1,000 fuel units remain in the storage pools.

Removing fuel units from the cooling pools comes ahead of the real challenge of removing melted fuel from inside the reactors. Removing the fuel in the cooling pools was delayed more than four years by mishaps, high radiation and radioactive debris from an explosion that occurred at the time of the reactor meltdowns, underscoring the difficulties that remain.

In 2014, Tepco safely removed all 1,535 fuel units from the storage pool at a fourth reactor that was idle and had no fuel inside its core when the March 11, 2011, earthquake and tsunami

occurred.

Experts say the melted fuel in the three reactors amounts to more than 800 tons, an enormous amount that is more than six times that from the 1979 accident at Three Mile Island, where one reactor had a partial core melt.

— Associated Press

**China seizes 2,700 ivory tusks in smuggling case:** China has seized more than 2,700 ivory tusks in what customs authorities are calling the country’s biggest smuggling case in years. China’s Customs Administration said it confiscated nearly 7.5 tons of ivory on March 30. The illicit goods came from an international criminal group that has been smuggling ivory for some time, authorities said, noting that 20 suspects are in custody. Since the start of the year, Chinese customs

officers have seized a total of 8.5 tons of ivory products through 53 investigations.

**U.S. sailor in Japan accused of stabbing woman, killing self:** A U.S. Marine Corps commander in Japan has asked service people in the southwestern region of Okinawa to keep a low profile to show respect after an American sailor allegedly stabbed a Japanese woman and then killed himself, the latest in a series of crimes that have outraged residents. “As a sign of respect to a community that is angry and in shock, we should be unobtrusive,” Lt. Gen. Eric Smith said. The U.S. military identified the sailor as Gabriel A. Olivero of North Carolina. Japan’s Foreign Ministry said the sailor stabbed the woman and killed himself Saturday.

— From news services



# As Indonesians prepare to vote for president, identity politics loom large

BY STANLEY WIDIANTO AND SHIBANI MAHTANI

JAKARTA, INDONESIA — On a scorching day in Indonesia's capital last week, thousands of people gathered in a cavernous stadium for a campaign rally that more closely resembled a rock concert. Their chants filled the air, and whenever their sloganeering stopped, dozens of bands and performers stepped in. They all had one name in mind: Jokowi, the universally used nickname for President Joko Widodo.

"I'm voting for the candidate that I'm sure of," said one supporter, 50-year-old Hadi Wijaya. He had been waiting more than five hours for Widodo to take the stage Saturday in his last rally before the country's 193 million eligible voters go to the polls. When Widodo finally appeared, the crowd erupted with cheers.

Indonesia, the world's third-largest democracy, will vote Wednesday in presidential and legislative elections, casting ballots at 800,000 polling stations set up across an archipelago of more than 17,000 islands.

The electric atmosphere in Jakarta and his lead in polls, though, mask a more daunting reality for Widodo, a furniture salesman who rose to political stardom to clinch the presidency in 2014 on the promise of reform and hope — drawing comparisons to President Barack Obama.

As Widodo seeks reelection, again facing retired Lt. Gen. Prabowo Subianto, analysts warn that enthusiasm for the incumbent has somewhat faded, making the race potentially tighter than widely assumed.

And even if he pulls through, Widodo will have to contend with a powerful force in Indonesian politics that has grown stronger: Islamic conservatism.

"Islam is going to be a far more important player in the near future of Indonesian politics," said Alexander R. Arifianto, who heads the Indonesia program at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies in Singapore. "The question is whether it's going to be more gradual or subtle, which will happen if Jokowi gets reelected," or dramatic, in the event that his rival wins.

Five years ago, Widodo won by a margin of six percentage points. His ascent to the presidency was attributed to young, liberal and religious-minority supporters, who came out in droves to rally behind a political outsider from a middle-class background.

Indonesia held its first direct presidential election in 2004, six

years after the bloody toppling of a decades-long authoritarian regime. The winner, Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, spent a decade at the helm. The ghost of cronyism and corruption remained, however, and Widodo was regarded as a breath of fresh air in Indonesian politics when he took office five years ago.

But sharp religious and ethnic divisions in the country have come to the fore since the 2017 jailing of former Jakarta governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, an ethnic Chinese and a Christian — a double minority in a Muslim-majority country. His supposed offense, a quip about the Koran during a campaign speech, cost him a second term as governor. His remark, a doctored video of which was widely shared online, stoked mass protests and galvanized conservative Islamic forces.

Purnama — whose nickname is Ahok — was elected vice governor under Widodo in 2012. After Widodo was elected president in 2014 and gave up the governorship, Purnama was elevated to the post for the remainder of Widodo's term. When Purnama was released from prison in January, Widodo told reporters he would "let Ahok do what he wants."

Widodo has picked former cleric Maruf Amin as his running mate. Amin is a polarizing figure who has made disparaging comments about minority groups, such as calling Indonesia's LGBT community "haram," or forbidden by Islamic law.

"I think [Widodo] took a cue from the Ahok case. He's a lot more concerned with [identity politics] than he was five years ago," said Wasisto Raharjo Jati, a researcher at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences. Still, he notes that Widodo has put "Maruf in a spot where he doesn't speak much," and he considers the choice a symbolic move intended to sway conservatives.

The choice of Maruf nevertheless has disillusioned some of Widodo's original base. Widely disappointed by his human rights record, some of these voters are choosing to abstain — an act known in Indonesia as "golput" for the white part of the ballot — to signal their dissatisfaction.

"Five years ago, Jokowi was able to prevail over Prabowo, who back then also had some Islamic elements backing him, because of this support from the coalition of young people, liberals and a lot of women and non-Muslim voters," said Arifianto at the Rajaratnam School. "Some of them might decide to go golput, and this is his core group of supporters."

Prabowo's populist platform is tailored to conservative Muslims

and nationalists. At a recent rally, according to Reuters, the 67-year-old declared that the Indonesian "motherland is being raped," rhetoric that has drawn comparisons to President Trump and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte.

Prabowo's economic plans also reflect his nationalist posture. He has spoken of lowering taxes and curbing imports. In November, he told reporters he wants to make Indonesia "a self-sustaining country in terms of energy and food," declaring that the country "will not import anything" if he becomes president. Prabowo has also attacked his opponent's focus on infrastructure and has promised to end growing inequality.

Some polls show Widodo with a 20-point lead over Prabowo, but others show the gap closing. Prabowo has begun alluding to the prospect of electoral fraud and has urged supporters to launch protests if they see irregularities.

"It's going to be close," Arifianto said.

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A worker in Jakarta carries election materials as he prepares ballot boxes for distribution to polling stations. Rising conservatism in the Muslim-majority country is a factor in the presidential contest.

## Case against Assange relies on chat transcripts

Messages with Manning show conspiracy to hack Pentagon, officials say

BY RACHEL WEINER

A December 2017 criminal complaint against Julian Assange unsealed Monday details the case federal prosecutors have prepared against the WikiLeaks founder, including chat transcripts they relied on to accuse him of conspiring with former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning to try to break into the Defense Department computer system.

Assange was arrested Thursday by British authorities after seven years in asylum at the Ecuadoran Embassy in London, and a March 6, 2018, indictment against him in U.S. District Court in Alexandria was unsealed that day.

The complaint affidavit is far more extensive than the indictment, sketching the origins of Manning's relationship with Assange as well as the impact of her decision to give hundreds of thousands of pages of State Department cables and Iraq and Afghanistan military documents to WikiLeaks. But there is no evidence in either document beyond chat logs first used to convict Manning of espionage and other crimes in 2013.

The conversations come either from Manning's own computer, seized after her arrest in 2010 or from Adrian Lamo, a hacker who turned Manning in to the FBI.

"Chats reflect that on March 8, 2010, Assange agreed to assist Manning in cracking a password," FBI agent Megan Brown wrote. She makes clear that agents never found any evidence "as to what Assange did, if anything, with respect to the password" other than saying he had passed it on to someone at WikiLeaks who spe-

cialized in the security system involved.

Brown wrote: "While it remains unknown whether Manning and Assange were successful in cracking the password, a follow-up message from Assange to Manning on March 10, 2010, reflects that Assange was actively trying to crack the password pursuant to their agreement."

Brown also argued, as prosecutors did when Manning was tried in 2013, that the two "had reason to believe that public disclosure" of the classified Army information Manning shared "would cause injury to the United States."

Brown also described Assange and Manning as having "collaborated" on the disclosure of classified information.

"Anything useful in there?" Manning asked after sending Assange reports on detainees at Guantanamo Bay.

Assange replied that "there surely will be" and that the disclosures could inspire other leakers because "gitmo=bad, leakers=enemy of gitmo, leakers=good."

But Assange is not charged with any crime related to the release of classified information, a move prosecutors resisted for years for fear it would be akin to going after a news organization.

Brown noted that Manning told a judge during her court-martial that she was never sure whether the person she spoke to online was Assange or a WikiLeaks associate. But, the FBI agent wrote, Assange talked to Manning about his public activities in the first person, and Manning told Lamo that she had confirmed her interlocutor's identity. Manning is in jail for refusing to testify before the grand jury investigating Assange.

Manning was sentenced to 35 years in prison, but President Barack Obama released her after she spent seven years behind bars.

Assange is in British custody and plans to fight extradition to the United States, his lawyers say.

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# Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is gutted by fire

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commander Jean-Claude Gallet said the iconic twin bell towers that stand astride the building's grand entry had been saved.

Nearly nine hours after it began, Gabriel Plus, a department spokesman, said the fire was "completely under control," the French newspaper Le Monde reported. Only residual fires remained, he said.

In an address to the nation just before midnight, President Emmanuel Macron said the worst had been avoided, that the exterior structure had been preserved and that the cathedral would rise again.

"I tell you solemnly tonight: We will rebuild this cathedral," he vowed.

"Notre Dame of Paris is our history," Macron continued, emphasizing the structure's unique place in the national imagination. "The epicenter of our lives. It's the many books, the paintings, those that belong to all French men and French women, even those who've never come."

The cathedral had been undergoing a badly needed renovation after decades of deterioration due to pollution, acid rain and the ravages of time. Officials said they were considering the blaze an accident relating to the construction. The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation.

There were no deaths, but a firefighter was reportedly badly injured.

The fire began in the early evening, just minutes after the building closed to tourists.

Yellow clouds of smoke billowed into an otherwise perfect blue sky and orange flames assaulted the belfry. At twilight, a gaping hole could be seen where the enormous vaulted roof once had been. Flames continued to lick the night sky as an impromptu chorus in the streets below somberly sang "Ave Maria," some members falling to their knees.

The heat of the fire could be felt from across the River Seine as firefighters frantically pumped water from cranes and sought to save the priceless works stored and displayed within.

Initial reports in the French press suggested that many of those pieces had already been removed last week during the renovations, and Finot said that the cathedral's collection of sacred items, kept in the sacristy,

*"It's not just the 'original' masterpiece we're losing, but the culmination of some 900 years of history, which can't just be rebuilt."*

Kate Wiles, scholar  
at King's College London

were likely unharmed. "Normally there is no risk of things being burned," he said.

The rest of the city seemed to stand still as the fire raged, with thousands of passersby watching from the streets below. Many were in tears, looking on in stunned silence. Some filmed the scenes on smartphones and broadcast them across the globe.

Worldwide, the destruction triggered an outpouring of emotion, with people posting family photos to social media showcasing visits to a building that was constructed and refined over centuries but burned within hours.

The building, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1163, is the most visited monument in Paris, with more than 12 million people coming each year — nearly double the people who visit the Eiffel Tower. Its intricate stone gargoyles, spires, stained glass and flying buttresses have made it one of the great masterpieces of architecture.

The church is both a literal and figurative center of the city: It anchors the Ile de la Cite, the island in the Seine where the first settlements emerged that eventually became the city of Paris. The common distinctions of "Left Bank" and "Right Bank" are in reference to this island.

Until Monday night, Notre Dame had managed to withstand both the elements and the vicissitudes of history that left their mark elsewhere in the French capital: the French Revolution, the Paris Commune, two world wars and Adolf Hitler's demolition plans in 1944.

Pope Francis issued a statement late on Monday expressing



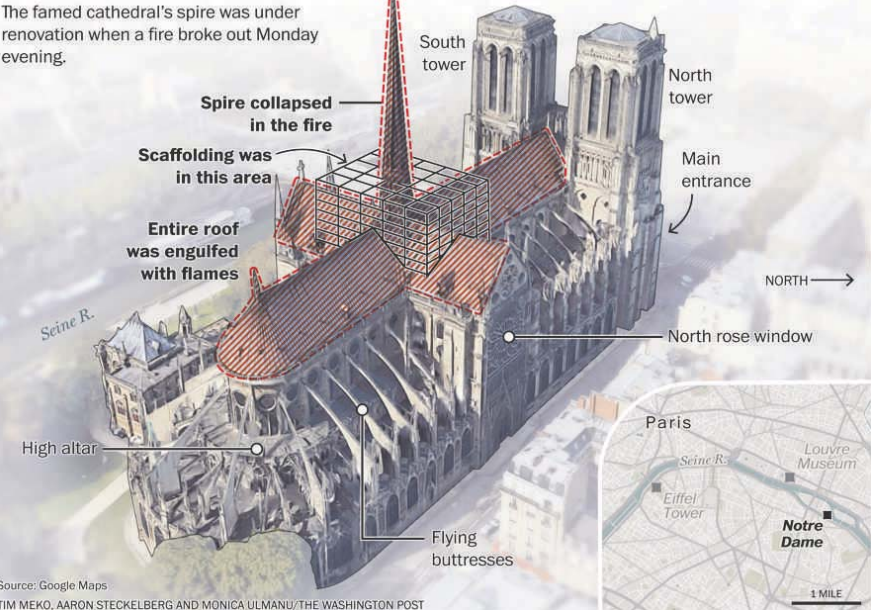
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## Notre Dame Cathedral fire

The famed cathedral's spire was under renovation when a fire broke out Monday evening.



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**ABOVE: Thousands of passersby prayed, sang and knelt as the cathedral burned. LEFT: The spire and vaulted roof were destroyed. The 800-year-old cathedral had been undergoing a badly needed renovation, and officials said they were considering the blaze an accident related to the construction. The Paris prosecutor's office opened an investigation.**

the Vatican's "shock and sadness" at "the news of the terrible fire that devastated the Cathedral of Notre Dame, a symbol of Christianity in France and in the world."

"We express closeness to the French Catholics and the people of Paris and we assure our prayers for the firemen and those who are doing everything possible to face this dramatic situation," the statement read.

"I do not have a strong enough word to express the pain that I feel," tweeted Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo.

Later, after visiting the cathedral's interior late Monday, the mayor told reporters that the damage had not been as bad as she initially feared.

Many of those gathered at the base of the cathedral Monday were tourists and pilgrims visiting for Easter holidays. Others were local, there to pay their respects.

"I came because we live in Paris and because, well, last week we were all there, having a drink on the steps of the cathedral, enjoying the beautiful flowers in the garden," said Fatima Marie, a 35-year-old Parisian. "We thought it would be better to be here among friends."

Donia Hammami, 35, a trade expert, ran to the scene from her nearby gym when she saw the reports of the blaze. She was in tears in the crowd, watching the cathedral burn.

"For me, this has been an inspiration for so many other churches in Europe," Hammami said. "It's been here for all those ages."

"This is a historic moment for all of us, in the worst possible sense of the term," she added.

Europe is full of historic structures that have been rebuilt following damage during both war and peacetime. But experts despaired that the loss to Notre Dame was incalculable and unrecoverable.

"It's not just the medieval features," tweeted Kate Wiles, a

scholar at King's College London. "It's a palimpsest of work and rework, and building and rebuilding, and we've lost all those layers. It's not just the 'original' masterpiece we're losing, but the culmination of some 900 years of history, which can't just be rebuilt."

The spire that collapsed on Monday is not an original component of the cathedral. It was added in the 19th century, when tastes veered toward a Gothic revival, by the architect Eugène Viollet-le-Duc. The gargoyles — immortalized in Victor Hugo's classic novel "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" — were likewise added in the 19th century.

Throughout French cultural history, Notre Dame has served as a powerful symbol of Paris and of France's cultural heritage. The writer Anatole France once described it as "heavy as a hippopotamus" but "light as a butterfly." The painter Marc Chagall depicted it in his canvasses, distorted in dreamlike haze.

President Trump tweeted his advice to Paris on Monday: "So horrible to watch the massive fire at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. Perhaps flying water tankers could be used to put it out. Must act quickly!"

French fire services tweeted in apparent reply that "dropping water by airplane on this type of building could result in the collapse of the entire structure."

Although there was no evidence of a connection, France has seen a number of attacks on Catholic churches in the past year, including arson and vandalism.

Paris's Church of St. Sulpice was set on fire after midday Mass last month. No one was injured. Police are investigating, but firefighters attributed the blaze to arson.

The possibility that foul play had been the cause of the Notre Dame fire was on the minds of some of those who watched Monday evening as the cathedral burned. The fall of the central spire — toppling amid an inferno — added resonance to the comparison to another tragic blue-sky day nearly 18 years ago.

"I was in New York on 9/11 and this reminds me of that," said Donna Calhoun, 57, a professor of mathematics from Boise who is on sabbatical at the Sorbonne.

The expressions of solidarity, too, were similar to the ones voiced in September 2001, even if this time there were no deaths and apparently no malicious intent.

"Notre Dame of Paris is Notre Dame of all of Europe," tweeted European Council President Donald Tusk. "We are all with Paris today."

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# Reverent crowds mourn cathedral that had withstood world wars, revolutions

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nightmares, there has been one constant, collective refrain. This was the comforting reality — or at least the comforting belief — that somehow, through it all, Paris was indestructible. The idea that Paris will always be Paris felt truer nowhere else than in front of Notre Dame.

In his remarks to a grieving nation close to midnight on Monday, President Emmanuel Macron called the cathedral a metaphor for France. “Notre Dame is our history, our literature, our imagination,” he said. “The place of all our great events, our epidemics, our wars, our liberations, the epicenter of our lives.”

This is undeniably the case. The cathedral, completed in the 14th century, has withstood the test of time and the assault of history. Notre Dame survived the French Revolution, when revolutionaries smashed its statues of Judean kings under the mistaken view that they were French kings instead. It survived the Paris Commune in the spring of 1871. And it survived two world wars, including Hitler’s foiled plans to raze the city in 1944.

“Is Paris burning?” This is what Hitler allegedly asked just before Paris was ultimately liberated from Nazi occupation in August of that year. The answer then — and ever since — has been “never.” But then came Monday afternoon, and the unshakable bedrock turned out to be far more fragile than anyone could have ever imagined.

We do not yet know what happened, or why. All we know is that much of Notre Dame has vanished. Perhaps it was Marx who said it best: “All that is solid melts into air, all that is holy is profaned.”



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Smoke surrounds the altar inside Notre Dame Cathedral on Monday, after a catastrophic fire engulfed the upper reaches of the soaring house of worship in Paris. Parisians and tourists mourned in the streets as the blaze threatened a religious and architectural treasure.

The scene in front of this burning cathedral was profoundly surreal. Most of all, there was an eerie quiet, almost a reverence.

It was already rush hour and happy hour: Cars were on the roads, and couples were lingering on cafe terraces. Yet no one seemed to notice the car horns or

the clink of the glasses. Even on the other side of the river, there was the heat, and there was the smoke, yellow and brown and orange and black,

billowing into a violent cone overhead. Neither of these made a sound.

The quiet broke every so often — gasps when the spire finally

tipped over and fell, the whistles of police officers pushing back the crowds. People did move away, but everyone walked backward, so as not to miss a single moment of a spectacle that was both spellbinding and terrifying.

Many were in silent tears; many others embraced strangers. But in general, thousands gathered because they realized they could do nothing else but catch a final glimpse of the place they had known and loved, a place that Macron immediately promised to rebuild but that can never quite be the same again. The fate of certain stained-glass windows — kaleidoscopes in the sunlight — remains unknown.

For the moment, no one is reported to have died, and that is a blessing to end an otherwise terrible day. The challenge now will not be to rebuild the structure but what it represented: the security, the safety, the eternity. It may be only partially possible. As Victor Hugo wrote in “The Hunchback of Notre-Dame,” a novel inspired by this very cathedral: “Great edifices, like great mountains, are the work of ages.”

One woman in the crowd, Fatima Marie, 35, a health-care worker in Paris, said she felt motivated to come and pay her respects to a burning Notre Dame because she had enjoyed an afternoon there with friends only last weekend, sitting on the steps and taking in the flowers in the garden. She had taken a photo of the fire, she said, but she may not keep it.

“What I think I will keep are the photos from the last week,” she said, showing me the gallery of the church’s gothic buttresses and gargoyles surrounded by lilac trees in full bloom. “We’ve lost all that now.”

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# Post-syndicated cartoonist also wins a Pulitzer

PULITZERS FROM A1

classical music and photography. Lozada was the third Post book critic to win the award since the criticism category was created in 1970.

Two other journalists affiliated with The Post were also cited by the Pulitzer judges for their work during 2018. Lorenzo Tugnoli, a freelance photographer, won in the feature photography category for his stark and gripping portfolio of images from war-torn Yemen that were commissioned and published by The Post. Darrin Bell, a cartoonist best known for his comic strip “Candorville,” won for editorial cartoons about Trump and other topics. Bell’s editorial cartoons were distributed to newspapers through The Washington Post Writers Group, the newspaper’s syndication arm, through last August.

Journalists at the New York Times received two awards, as did Reuters journalists.

Times opinion columnist Brent Staples, who wrote powerfully about African American history and connected it to contemporary race relations, was awarded the prize in editorial writing. A team of three reporters — David Barstow, Susanne Craig and Russ Buettner — were cited in the explanatory-reporting category for their extensive and revealing investigation of Trump’s inheritance from his father and his “suspect” tax strategies. Barstow, the lead reporter on the project, has now won or shared a Pulitzer four times and been a finalist on three other occasions.

Reuters’s awards were in the breaking-news photography category, for documenting the journey of Central American migrants to the United States, and for international reporting, for accounts of a massacre of Rohingya Muslims in Myanmar. The latter articles landed their principal reporters, Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo, in prison, sparking an international outcry. Reuters shared the international-reporting prize with a team from the Associated Press for its coverage of the war in Yemen.

Continuing the Trump-centric theme, a team of Wall Street Journal reporters was awarded the national reporting prize for scoops about Trump attorney Michael Cohen’s hush-money payments to adult-film actress Stormy Daniels before the 2016 election to suppress her account of an alleged sexual relationship with Trump.

The South Florida Sun Sentinel, based in Fort Lauderdale, won the public-service medal for its coverage of the February 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland and its follow-up reporting about local officials’ actions before and after the killing of 17 students and staff members at the school. The public-service award is considered the most prestigious in the 14

journalism categories.

Two other mass shootings figured in the awards as well. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won in the breaking-news category for its coverage of the Tree of Life synagogue shooting last year. The Pulitzer board also awarded a special citation to the Capital Gazette in Annapolis, where five staff members were killed by a gunman in June.

The Post’s reporting and opinion columns about the killing of one of its own contributing columnists, Saudi dissident Jamal Khashoggi, were a finalist for the public-service medal, one of three Post entries to earn finalist status. The others were opinion writer and editor Elizabeth Bruenig’s account of the aftermath of a sexual assault at her high school in 2006 (in the feature-writing category) and The Post’s series on neighborhoods across the country where homicides are clustered but arrests are rare (in explanatory reporting).

In his column, Lozada, a finalist for the criticism Pulitzer last year, often reviews multiple nonfiction books about a common subject, bucking the traditional one-book-per-review format. The approach enabled him to assess broader themes. Many of his reviews last year addressed the flood of newly published Trump books.

Among the reviews submitted in his winning Pulitzer entry were those about books exploring Russian influence on the 2016 election; about Trump’s inflaming of cultural forces such as misogyny, bigotry and anti-Semitism; and about the nature of truth in the Trump era. He also reviewed works written by what Lozada called Trump’s “sycophants.”

An essay by Lozada published the day after the death of former president George H.W. Bush assessed Bush’s legacy through his letters and diaries. He lamented the absence of a formal Bush memoir — Bush “had the experiences, insights, revelations and blind spots that could have made for a terrific memoir,” he wrote.

In a review of books written by “never Trump” conservatives, Lozada questioned their role in their loss of power. “If conservatism has been hijacked by Trump, as they argue,” he wrote, “who left it so vulnerable? ... The Never Trumpers hold everyone culpable for the appeal of Trumpism except, in any worthwhile way, themselves.”

“I try to write about books in a newsy way,” Lozada said. “I want to use books and reviews of them to explain the moment, to understand where we are.”

The Pulitzer jurors cited him “for trenchant and searching reviews and essays that joined warm emotion and careful analysis in examining a broad range of books addressing government and the American experience.”

A native of Peru, Lozada grew



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TOP: Washington Post book critic Carlos Lozada won the Pulitzer Prize for criticism on Monday. CENTER: Darrin Bell with his wife, Makeda Rashidi. Bell, whose work was distributed through The Post’s syndication arm, won the Pulitzer for editorial cartoons. ABOVE: Lorenzo Tugnoli won the Pulitzer for feature photography for work in Yemen commissioned and published by The Post.

up speaking Spanish at home. He learned English after his family moved to the San Francisco Bay area when he was 3. When he returned to Peru, living there from ages 10 to 17, he maintained his English skills by reading mysteries by Agatha Christie and Ameri-

can historical fiction by John Jakes.

He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and holds a master’s degree in public policy from Princeton University.

Lozada has worked at The Post since 2005, serving as an eco-

nomics and national security editor and as editor of the Outlook opinion section in which his reviews now appear. He noted wryly that he was turned down for the first job he applied for at The Post in 2004 — editor of nonfiction book reviews.

Tugnoli, a native of Italy who lives in Beirut, said he was “honored, humbled and bewildered” that his photos — 17 in all — from Yemen were recognized with a Pulitzer.

The images in his Yemen series included children injured in the fighting or enfeebled by malnutrition, towns devastated by warfare and shots of bounteous quantities of food that are out of the reach of starving people because of hyperinflation.

Tugnoli’s association with The Post began in 2010 when he moved to Kabul and began freelancing for international organizations. He has often teamed with Sudarsan Raghavan, one of The Post’s most experienced foreign correspondents, to cover stories in Tunisia, Libya and throughout the Middle East.

Tugnoli, 39, describes the Yemen assignment as particularly difficult, given that journalists must pass among multiple warring factions to enter the country and move within it. He and Raghavan made two trips to Yemen last year, the second one shortly after Khashoggi’s murder by government agents from Saudi Arabia, which is leading a coalition fighting rebels in Yemen’s civil war. “The local authorities were quite nervous to have a team of journalists from The Washington Post in the country,” he said.

Bell, 44, may be best known as the creator of the “Candorville” strip, but his winning entry consisted of a portfolio of single-panel political cartoons published on newspaper editorial and op-ed pages. Bell’s cartoons commented on subjects such as police shootings of unarmed African Americans, climate change, the treatment of migrants by immigration officials and, especially, Trump.

Bell, who lives in Los Angeles, is the first African American recipient of the editorial cartooning Pulitzer, which has been awarded since 1922. His editorial cartoons were syndicated by The Post Writers Group until August 2018 and are now distributed by King Features. (“Candorville” is still with the Post syndicate.)

“It’s the old saying, ‘Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable,’” Bell said of his editorial approach. “I try to defend people and ideas that I think are being unfairly maligned and burst the bubbles of people and ideas that are unjustly exalted.”

Post Executive Editor Martin Baron said the awards “show the breadth of talent that goes into journalism” at the news organization.

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## THE WINNERS

The complete list of 2019 Pulitzer Prize winners:

### JOURNALISM

#### Public service

Staff of the South Florida Sun Sentinel

#### Breaking-news reporting

Staff of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

#### Investigative reporting

Matt Hamilton, Harriet Ryan and Paul Pringle of the Los Angeles Times

#### Explanatory reporting

David Barstow, Susanne Craig and Russ Buettner of the New York Times

#### Local reporting

Staff of the Advocate (Baton Rouge, La.)

#### National reporting

Staff of the Wall Street Journal

#### International reporting

Maggie Michael, Maad al-Zikry and Nariman El-Mofty of the Associated Press, and the staff of Reuters, with notable contributions from Wa Lone and Kyaw Soe Oo

#### Feature writing

Hannah Dreier of ProPublica

#### Commentary

Tony Messenger of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch

#### Criticism

Carlos Lozada of The Washington Post

#### Editorial writing

Brent Staples of the New York Times

#### Editorial cartooning

Darrin Bell, a freelance cartoonist

#### Breaking-news photography

Photography staff of Reuters

#### Feature photography

Lorenzo Tugnoli of The Washington Post

#### Special citation

Staff of the Capital Gazette (Annapolis)

### BOOKS, DRAMA AND MUSIC

#### Fiction

“The Overstory” by Richard Powers

#### Drama

“Fairview” by Jackie Sibbles Drury

#### History

“Frederick Douglass” by David W. Blight

#### Biography or autobiography

“The New Negro” by Jeffrey C. Stewart

#### Poetry

“Be With” by Forrest Gander

#### General nonfiction

“Amity and Prosperity” by Eliza Griswold

#### Music

“Prism” by Ellen Reid

#### Special citation


Aretha Franklin



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## Hands on with the Galaxy Fold: Make peace with a crease



Any new technology is bound to have wrinkles. On Samsung's new Galaxy Fold, a phone that opens into a tablet, they include one prominent crease. It goes down the middle of the Fold's remarkable flexible screen, like a pleat on polyester pants.

I'm sure it will dominate discussion about this much-anticipated gadget, arriving April 26. But after spending a few hours with the Fold, I made peace with the crease. You forget it's there, like the notch on an iPhone X.

There's more to iron out than the screen before the Fold is a phone for most of us. Its weight: three-quarters of a can of soup. Its functions: far better tablet than phone. And its astronomical price: at \$1,980, only for first-adopters and the sorts of status-seekers who might also buy a phone studded with Swarovski crystals.

Even if you'd never dream of spending so much on a phone, the Fold is worth your attention as a potential new branch on the evolutionary tree of the most important gadget in our lives. Our desire to do more, more, more with our phones — working, gaming, watching TV — has outgrown our hands and pockets. To keep giving us more screen, Samsung had to figure out how to break beyond the rectangular slab and into a new world of origami shapes. Not even Marie Kondo generated this much buzz over folding technique.

We just haven't had any details about how, exactly, it feels to use a device that's both a 4.6-inch phone and a 7.3-inch tablet. Until now.

Last week, Samsung executives visited my office and unlocked a briefcase containing a pre-release Fold. For a few hours, they let me poke, prod, fold and unfold the device ahead of its public debut. Afterward, I compared notes with one of my favorite tech industry analysts, Carolina Milanesi of Creative Strategies, who also got a chance to peek inside Samsung's secret briefcase.

We were both impressed with the engineering. The Fold feels more solid and responsive than you'd expect from a first-generation device. It does things we've not seen before, such as make a hinge disappear inside a screen, thanks to an interlocking set of gears you might expect to see on a German car. But we had different views on a few of the Fold's faults.

It's going to take more time to understand whether the Fold is the future or just a Frankenphone. A smartphone and tablet in one could be convenient — or do both jobs less well. I suspect it has more potential as a replacement for a tablet than as a phone. To find out, I would need to operate the Fold one-handed on my



**DJ Koh, head of Samsung's mobile division, introduces the Galaxy Fold at a February launch event in San Francisco. You might get used to that crease in your tablet screen sooner than you think. The bigger question: Do people really need a foldable phone-tablet combo?**

morning commute, try to burn through emails at a coffee shop and catch up on my Netflix queue on a flight.

But from my hands-on time, I got answers to some of the questions that have been building up ever since Samsung first teased the idea of a folding phone in 2013. Here's what I learned.

**How does the Fold work as both a phone and a tablet?**

Think of the Fold as a taco. Now lay the folded tortilla on its side. That's the front, or the "phone" part. It's a smidgen taller (6.3 inches) than a "plus"-size iPhone or Galaxy but only three-quarters as wide. The Fold's front screen fills only a fraction of that space, leaving unused space on the top and bottom.

It's enough screen to make calls and look at very skinny versions of apps, but I can't picture using it as much more than a lock and notifications screen. Why didn't Samsung fill up the whole front with screen? Then the screen would be even more skinny. So why didn't they make the front wider? Then it would be harder to grip — one advantage it has as a phone over today's obese iPhones and Samsung Galaxies.

Now open up your taco to expose the yummy bits. On the Fold, that's where the "tablet" part is, on a separate interior screen that's a little smaller than an iPad Mini. It's also the most functional part of the Fold, and the screen I kept returning to do

almost everything. But typing on such a wide screen isn't really possible with one hand, and I found I wasn't good at typing with two thumbs spread farther apart. (You can adjust the keyboard layout.)

**Can the Fold do anything you can't with a phone or tablet alone?**

There's a very nicely executed experience that links the exterior phone screen and interior tablet screen. Launch an app on the front, and open up to find it on the full screen.

Beyond that, the Fold seems to be mostly about the convenience of having a tablet in your pocket. I'm just not sure that small tablet is sufficient to do much more than read, watch videos and do email. Opened up, the Fold has the ability to run three apps at once. But doing so makes two of the apps tiny squares.

**Can it fit in your pocket?**

The Fold is about as thick as a stack of two smartphones, or two-thirds of an inch. I ran around stuffing it in a variety of pants, jackets and even tunics — and it wasn't as bulky as I had worried. You just might want to avoid putting it in skinny jeans.

My bigger concern is the weight: At nearly 9.3 ounces, it's 68 percent heavier than Samsung's flagship Galaxy S10 phone (5.5 ounces) and approaching the weight of a can of Campbell's soup (12.3 ounces).

Instead of the first pocket-friendly tablet, perhaps the Fold is more like the first fanny-pack-friendly tablet. I hear these are back in style again?

Milanesi of Creative Strategies said people spent years (before slender smartphones) carrying devices that were bulkier and heavier than the Fold. "Clearly it is not a mass-market device, but I don't think people will pick it up and say it is so heavy," she said.

It's a matter of perspective: If you're used to carrying around a phone and a tablet, the Fold feels like relief — but if you've been enjoying the thinner-and-lighter trend on other electronics, the Fold might be a burden.

**How bad is that crease?**

The crease is there and a little surprising, at first. The crease is more visible when you look at the phone from the side than head-on. But it doesn't get in the way of reading a story or watching a video, and it mostly disappears when the screen is lit up.

Milanesi noted it's impressive that the folding doesn't cause any rendering, color or touch-responsiveness problems in the OLED screen.

Our consensus: People will talk about the crease as long as folding screens seem new, but you won't notice after a while.

**Does repeat folding ruin the Fold?**

In one sprint, I tried opening

and closing it 100 times and couldn't detect any damage. Samsung says it has a robot that has done that a few more times than I have — 200,000, to be exact — and also hasn't had any problems. Stretched over three years, that would be more than 180 foldings per day.

**How does it feel to fold?**

Almost as good as a Razr flip phone from 2004. You can close it with one hand, and there's a very satisfactory thunk.

Opening is more of a challenge. The phone's hinge is stiff, so it's a two-handed job, which isn't nearly as fun as flicking open a flip phone — and also not great for people standing on trains.

**Does it actually lie flat like a tablet?**

Yes, the hinge on the back makes the phone stay at exactly 180 degrees. But when it closes up, there's a slight interior gap, which could be a lint magnet.

**Is it fragile?**

I expected it to feel a bit janky, but it was as solid as a stiff glasses case. It's possible the hinge on a Fold could loosen over time: One of the three models Samsung brought me had a slight give when I squished it like a stress toy.

What happens when you drop it is another question. The front screen is glass and could crack. The interior screen is, possibly, less likely to crack, because it is made of plastic. But that same

material might also be more inclined to scratches. (I didn't take a sharp object to Samsung's prototype to find out.)

The biggest concern is that, like Gremlins, you cannot get the Fold wet. Water might get in through the hinge.

Samsung said it will offer an exclusive care program for Fold customers but didn't share any details.

**How do the cameras work?**

There are six total: one for selfies on the front, three on the back for zoom, regular and wide shots, and two cut out from the screen on the inside for even more selfies.

What I liked: In tablet mode, the back cameras are in the right spot for taking regular photos and give you that big lovely screen as a viewfinder. The shutter icon smartly moves to exactly where your finger needs it.

**How does all that screen affect battery life?**

We don't yet really know. Samsung built two batteries into the Fold, totaling an extraordinary 4,380 milliamp-hours. That's a significantly larger battery than you'll find in almost any other phone. Samsung claims it should keep the phone going "all day," but it might depend on whether you use the Fold primarily as a phone or a tablet.

**So why do we need a folding phone?**

Samsung still has a lot to figure out on this. Perhaps that's why it's focusing on a high-end — and more forgiving — market for its first folding phone.

Design critics have said the Fold suffers from the problem of combining desires that sound reasonable together but end up ruining each other — like the Homer Simpson car on a beloved episode of "The Simpsons."

To me, the Fold's usefulness as a one-handed phone seemed to take a back seat to its capabilities as a two-handed tablet. The question is: How many people really need an Android tablet with them at all times?

Samsung was right years ago about the trend toward larger-screen phones, which not that long ago we used to jokingly call "phablets." The Fold combats the distressing trend of people needing handles, like those stick-on circular PopSockets, just to firmly grip their phones. If it catches on, the Fold could be the beginning of an era in which big phones really are just tablets.

Perhaps the lesson from the first folding phone will be about the value of making devices smaller. Instead of doing origami on a tablet, imagine folding in half the phone you already own. "I don't just want bigger screens, I want being smart with the screens you have," Milanesi said.

Welcome back, flip phones.  
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### DIGEST

#### COURTS

##### Former VW chief faces fraud charges

Former Volkswagen head Martin Winterkorn was charged with fraud in Germany for his role in the emissions-rigging scandal that rocked the carmaker and cost it about \$33 billion.

The former chief executive, 71, was accused alongside four other managers of equipping diesel vehicles sold to customers in Europe and the United States with a "defeat device," authorities in Braunschweig said in a statement Monday. Fraud charges carry a sentence of as long as 10 years.

Allegations that VW wrongfully withheld information about the software used in its diesel cars have loomed over the company since the scandal broke in 2015.

Winterkorn's lawyer Felix Doerr said prosecutors haven't given him full access to their files. The former CEO is also charged with breach of trust because of his failure to swiftly tell authorities about the devices.

— Bloomberg News

#### LABOR

##### Harley-Davidson, workers ratify contract

Harley-Davidson's unionized workers in Milwaukee and Tomahawk, Wis., on Monday ratified a five-year labor agreement for a 14 percent wage increase over the life of the contract.

The agreements in place at all of its Wisconsin operations also include a signing bonus, two separate variable incentive plans, pension enhancements for current employees and a retirement incentive.

These agreements, ratified by the United Steelworkers and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers' Lodge, cover more than 1,000 employees in the Milwaukee area and Tomahawk.

Earlier this month, the workers had rejected the motorcycle maker's proposal for a five-year contract, citing nonfinancial issues such as temporary workers and job security.

— Reuters



**Food is delivered** by a driver for Jumia in Nairobi. Jumia Technologies AG, founded in 2012, began trading on the New York Stock Exchange last week. The e-commerce platform operates in 14 African countries, including Kenya, and is the first technology start-up from the continent to float on Wall Street. Jumia's e-commerce platform employs more than 5,000 people.

#### RETAIL

##### Best Buy names its first female CEO

Best Buy on Monday named chief financial officer Corie Barry the company's chief executive,

making her the first woman to lead the consumer electronics retailer in its 53-year history.

Barry, who joined Best Buy in 1999 and became its finance chief in 2016, will become the company's fifth CEO when she takes over from Hubert Joly, who

will step aside to become executive chairman in June.

Barry, along with Joly, turned around the struggling retailer, which had been dogged by falling same-store sales and a takeover battle with founder Richard Schulze.

She also headed integration of health services provider GreatCall, which Best Buy bought last year for \$800 million.

— Reuters

**ALSO IN BUSINESS**

**Shipments of U.S. soybeans** are at the lowest level since before the U.S.-China trade war. Total U.S. soybean exports reached 460,700 metric tons last week, down from 888,700 tons in the previous week and just above 446,500 tons in the same week a year ago, according to weekly inspection data released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture on Monday. Of the soy shipments last week, 130,200 tons were loaded for China. China cut imports of U.S. soybeans and other goods after imposing tariffs in July. While Chinese buyers resumed some purchases as the two sides sought a resolution, some farm groups

now fear the administration will accept Chinese purchase target pledges without a promise to lift retaliatory tariffs.

**The Greek government** said it is in talks with European bailout lenders to repay its debts to the International Monetary Fund early as market borrowing rates tumbled to their lowest level since 2005. Government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said Greece is hoping to repay a "significant portion" of its remaining \$10.9 billion owed to the IMF ahead of schedule. His remarks Monday follow a meeting in Washington between Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde.

— From news services

**COMING TODAY**

**9:15 a.m.:** Federal Reserve releases industrial production for March.

**10 a.m.:** National Association of Home Builders releases housing market index for April.

**Earnings:** Johnson & Johnson, Netflix, United Continental, UnitedHealth.



# After Tax Day, a look at how the GOP code measured up

BY HEATHER LONG

Tuesday was Tax Day, the due date for Americans to file their 2018 taxes. It also marks a milestone: The country has made it through a full year of President Trump's tax code — and the first filing season under the new rules. Trump and his fellow Republicans promised their bill would cut taxes, make filing simpler and boost wages, business spending and the overall economy. Trump signed the most sweeping overhaul of the U.S. tax code in three decades into law on Dec. 22, 2017, with no Democratic votes. With Year One in the books, it's fair to say some of those promises came true, some did not and, for some, it's still too early to definitely say. Here's a rundown of what we know so far.

**1. Promise: Your taxes will fit on a postcard.** This didn't happen. The main form almost all tax filers fill out — the 1040 — did shrink. But much of the information that used to appear on the 1040 now appears on schedules, meaning a lot of taxpayers simply ended up filling out more pages. Instructions for the main form also grew by 10 pages.

A key selling point was that many Americans could take advantage of the higher standard deduction (\$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married couples) so they would not have to itemize their deductions, but experts say people still had to keep track of their charitable receipts and state and local taxes to figure out whether taking the standard deduction was their best option.

"It's not simpler. The only real piece that was removed from the 1040 was the personal exemption, and that was just one line," said Bradley Heim, an Indiana University professor and former economist in the Treasury Department's Office of Tax Analysis. "A lot of what was changed was lines were taken from the 1040 and moved to other schedules."

But Heim says many taxpayers probably won't notice the extra schedules and instructions because most people use a service or computer program to do their taxes for them.

**2. Promise: The middle class will benefit.** Yes, a majority of Americans — 65 percent — did get a tax cut. Looking specifically at the middle class, the Tax Policy Center predicted that 82 percent of middle-class earners (households that make \$49,000 to \$86,000 a year) would receive a tax cut averaging about \$1,050.

The data out so far backs up the estimates. H&R Block said that among the millions of tax



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**Workers assemble vehicles at a General Motors plant in Orion Township, Mich. Under President Trump's tax code, about 65 percent of Americans got a tax cut. The Tax Policy Center predicted that 82 percent of middle-class earners would get a tax cut averaging \$1,050.**

returns it processed by the end of March, the average tax cut was \$1,200. (It's also true not everyone is celebrating. About 9 percent of middle-income families had to pay more, and the rest paid about the same in taxes, according to the Tax Policy Center.)

**3. Promise: Your wages will rise.** Trump kept claiming the average American would get \$4,000 more a year because of the tax bill. That hasn't panned out, although there is good news on pay.

Some companies gave employees a one-time bonus or raised pay and credited the tax bill, but that affected a few million people out of the nearly 157 million employed. The White House is now pointing to the rise in average hourly pay as a sign of success.

For the average worker, wages are growing more than 3 percent a year, according to the Labor Department, and they are growing fastest for lower-income workers. That's the best nominal (not adjusted for cost of living) gain in about a decade, but it's important to point out that wage gains had been slowly trending up for the past several years.

In 2015, wages rose an average of 2.3 percent. In 2017, it was

about 2.6 percent. Economists say the tax bill probably helped push wages above 3 percent, but there was momentum already. For a worker making \$60,000 a year, the faster wage growth added about \$240 more than what the person would have received if wages had remained at the 2017 pace.

Some of the gains from higher wages and lower taxes have been offset by inflation. There are several measures of inflation, but none shows prices rising fast enough to erase workers' wage gains right now (mainly because gas prices haven't jumped much in the past year).

**4. Promise: The tax cut will "pay for itself."** This is not happening. The White House stood almost alone on this vow. Economists and budget experts across the political spectrum predicted the tax bill's \$1.5 trillion price tag would have to be funded mostly by debt. The early results indicate that is exactly what is happening.

Despite a strong economy, tax receipts are down. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget predicts the budget deficit this fiscal year will hit almost \$900 billion. The tax bill accounts for \$230 billion of that deficit — or about a quarter of it,

the CRFB calculated.

**5. Promise: There will be a "capex" boom.** There was a bounce, but it might be short-lived.

"Capex" stands for capital expenditures, a Wall Street term for the investments that businesses make in equipment, technology, new buildings and research. These kinds of investments tend to make workers more productive, which boosts wages and economic growth. The White House said this is what the tax bill was all about and why it would cause much faster growth for years to come.

Here's what capex looks like in recent quarters, according to the Commerce Department. There's a noticeable jump in the first and second quarters of 2018 just after the tax bill is enacted, but that momentum appears to be fading back to more normal levels.

"I'm not buying the thesis that the tax cuts gave the biggest boost to capex," said Rajeev Dhawan, director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University. "If tax cuts cause capex boom, then why did it fizzle in the second half of the year?"

Some argue that businesses need more time to digest the tax code changes before they make

these big investment decisions, so there could be another surge. But Dhawan points out that surveys such as Morgan Stanley's Capex Plans Index aren't predicting that for this year.

**6. Promise: Money will come flooding back from abroad.** So far, it has been a trickle. Trump kept talking about \$4 trillion to \$5 trillion that big companies had stashed overseas because they didn't want to bring the money back to the United States and get socked by a high tax rate. Trump cut the tax rate on repatriated money and said it would unleash a flood of cash coming home.

According to government data, \$665 billion has come back so far, a fraction of the roughly \$3 trillion many analysts believe is overseas. But experts say there are many reasons companies might be waiting, including that the lower tax rate will be in place for several years.

"It's really too early to tell. Fortune 500 company tax directors are still figuring out the law and how to do their taxes," said Victor Fleischer, a tax law professor at the University of California at Irvine. "They haven't really gotten to the step of changing the way they make investments going

forward."

**7. Promise: More companies will want to do business in the United States.** Business sentiment jumped after the largest corporate tax cut in U.S. history. Executives of big companies gave Trump a warm welcome at the World Economic Forum just after the bill passed, and firms such as JPMorgan Chase reported billions in tax savings last year, which helped boost profits and stock prices.

But it remains to be seen whether businesses will use the extra cash on hand to invest here. A few companies have made a big show of opening new plants in the United States, but the hard data show the 500 largest public companies have used their tax savings on buying back stock far more than they have on capital spending.

**8. Promise: GDP will be 3 percent or higher.** Yes, Trump basically achieved this in the first year after the tax cuts (the official statistic is 2.9 percent, but the way many economists prefer to calculate gross domestic product growth showed 3 percent).

Trump has predicted similar growth every year for the next decade, but almost no one else agrees with that forecast. Most experts say growth this year will be closer to 2 percent. Even a White House report released last month asserted it would take additional tax cuts and a big infrastructure bill to keep growth as high as Trump wants for years to come.

**9. Promise: Americans will love this bill.** More people give the bill a thumbs-down than a thumbs-up, according to the RealClearPolitics tracker, a trend that has been pretty consistent since it passed. Republicans didn't even campaign on it much during the midterm election.

But Kevin Hassett, head of Trump's Council of Economic Advisers, points out that Trump's approval rating on the economy overall is pretty good right now. In a CNN poll last month, for example, 71 percent of Americans said the economy is in good shape, the highest reading since 2001 in that poll.

In short, polling on the tax bill splits mostly along partisan lines, but Americans seem pretty happy with the economy overall right now, and some of that is due to tax cuts. A key reason many disapprove of the tax cuts is because while most Americans did receive a lower tax bill, the biggest benefits went to the wealthy, according to independent analyses.

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# Citing 'public health risk,' Ocasio-Cortez is latest big name to quit Facebook

BY HAMZA SHABAN

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, whose mastery of social media has helped drive the national conversation and shed light on the inner workings of congressional power, has given up on the most popular social network in the world.

In an interview Sunday with the Yahoo News podcast "Skullduggery," the New York Democrat said she stopped using her Facebook account and was scaling back on all social media, which she described as a "public health risk" because it can lead to "increased isolation, depression, anxiety, addiction, escapism."

Ocasio-Cortez, 29, who burst onto the national stage after defeating a high-ranking incumbent, said her decision was a "big deal" because the platform had been crucial to her campaign. She still has accounts on the site, she said, and according to the company's ad library, her official Facebook account has dozens of active advertisements sponsored by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez for Congress.

Among the ads are calls to support her signature Green New Deal, and fundraising pleas to support progressive legisla-

tion and to counteract a super PAC aligned against her.

"The congresswoman's words speak for themselves," said Corbin Trent, a spokesman for Ocasio-Cortez.

Ocasio-Cortez joins other prominent users who have given up on the social network, including WhatsApp co-founder Brian Acton, who sold his company to Facebook in 2014, and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. Both men bolted amid a user boycott and as the company faced a congressional inquiry over Cambridge Analytica, the political consulting firm believed to have improperly obtained the data of 87 million Facebook users.

Ocasio-Cortez's disengagement from Facebook also tracks broad trends in social media use among young people. According to a 2018 Pew Research Center study, Facebook's popularity among teens has plunged in recent years. About half of the nation's teenagers say they use Facebook, compared with 71 percent in 2015. YouTube, Instagram and Snapchat are now the most popular social media networks, the study found.

After scandals involving the misuse of personal data, hateful content and misinformation,



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**Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) is trying to limit her use social media to the workweek. "I think it has effects on everybody. Increased isolation, depression, anxiety, addiction, escapism."**

many Facebook users have also changed the way they use the platform. A separate Pew Research survey found that 74 percent of U.S. adult Facebook users have either changed their priva-

cy settings, taken a break from the platform or deleted it.

Despite its troubles, Facebook continues to gain daily active users in the United States and Canada, according to the compa-

ny's most recent earnings report. Before the last quarter of 2018, Facebook's user numbers in its most important market had flatlined, with most of its growth coming from countries outside



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Daily % Chg

-0.1

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+13.1

Nasdaq Composite Index

7976.01

Daily % Chg

-0.1

YTD % Chg

+20.2

S&P 500 Index

2905.58

Daily % Chg

-0.1

YTD % Chg

+15.9

Dow Jones 30 Industrials

Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg	Company	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
3M Co	215.83	-0.7	13.3	JPMorg Ch	109.94	-1.1	12.6
AmExp	110.53	-0.3	16.0	McDonald's	191.85	0.1	8.0
Apple Inc	199.23	0.2	26.3	Merck	78.53	-1.1	2.8
Boeing	375.46	-1.1	16.4	Microsoft	121.05	0.1	19.2
Caterpillar	140.25	-0.7	10.4	Nike	86.83	0.7	17.1
Chevron Corp	120.14	0.3	10.4	P&G Co	105.73	0.6	15.0
Cisco Systems	56.56	0.5	30.5	Pfizer Inc	42.09	0.9	-3.6
Coca-Cola	47.00	0.6	-0.7	Travelers	136.79	-0.7	14.2
Dow Inc	57.78	-0.9	19.7	United Tech	134.55	-0.6	26.4
Exxon Mobil	80.65	-0.3	18.3	UnitedHealth	230.20	3.1	-7.6
GoldmnSchs	199.91	-3.8	19.7	Verizon	58.71	-0.1	4.4
Home Depot	204.86	0.5	19.2	Visa Inc	160.44	0.5	21.6
IBM	143.90	-0.3	26.6	Walgreen	54.24	1.5	-20.6
Intel Corp	56.28	-0.2	19.9	WalMart	102.43	0.9	10.0
J&J	136.52	0.4	5.8	Walt Disney	132.04	1.5	20.4

Other Measures

Index	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
DJ Total Stock Market Index	29,945.41	-0.1	16.4
Russell 2000	1579.17	-0.4	17.1
Post-Bloomberg DC Area Index	569.38	-0.6	21.4
CBOE Volatility (VIX)	12.32	2.6	-51.5

S&P 500 Industry Group Snapshot

Industry Group	Daily % Chg
Health Care Providers	2.15
Multiline Retail	1.35
Commercial Svcs & Suppl	1.29
Food & Staples Retailing	1.13
Health Care Technology	1.05
Aerospace & Defense	-0.90
Auto Components	-1.07
Road & Rail	-1.09
Airlines	-1.41
Real Estate Mgmt & Dev	-1.78

International Stock Markets

Americas	Close	Daily % Chg	YTD % Chg
Brazil (Bovespa)	93,082.97	0.2	
Canada (S&P/TSX Comp.)	16,515.46	0.2	
Mexico (Bolsa)	44,631.79	-0.1	
Europe			
Eurozone (DJ Stoxx 600)	388.10	0.1	
France (CAC 40)	5508.73	0.1	
Germany (DAX)	12,020.28	0.2	
U.K. (FTSE 100)	7436.87	0.0	
Asia Pacific			
Australia (ASX 200)	6251.44	0.0	
China (CSI 300)	3975.52	-0.3	
Hong Kong (Hang Seng)	29,810.72	-0.3	
Japan (Nikkei)	22,169.11	1.4	

Cross Currency Rates

	US \$	EU €	Japan ¥	Britain £	Brazil R\$	Canada \$	Mexico \$
US \$ per		1.1302	0.0089	1.3096	0.2586	0.7481	0.0530
EU € per	0.8848		0.0079	1.1587	0.2287	0.6619	0.0469
Japan ¥ per	112.0300	126.6200		146.7090	28.9676	83.8070	5.9399
Britain £ per	0.7636	0.8630	0.0068		0.1974	0.5712	0.0405
Brazil R\$ per	3.8674	4.3711	0.0345	5.0646		2.8931	0.2051
Canada \$ per	1.3368	1.5108	0.0119	1.7506	0.3457		0.0709
Mexico \$ per	18.8577	21.3140	0.1680	24.6957	4.8760	14.1073	

Interest Rates

Consumer Rates			
Money market funds	0.60	5.50%	4.09%
6-Month CDs	0.80	Bank Prime	30-Year fixed mortgage
1-Year CDs	1.48	2.50%	3.50%
5-Year CDs	2.01	Federal Funds	15-Year fixed mortgage
New car loan	4.71	2.60%	3.93%
Home-equity loan	6.66	LIBOR 3-Month	1-Year ARM

Commodities

Futures	Close	Daily % Chg		Close	Daily % Chg
Copper	\$2.9350	-0.4	Orange Juice	\$1.0985	+3.0
Corn	\$3.7150	+0.5	Silver	\$14.98	+0.1
Crude Oil	\$63.40	-0.8	Soybeans	\$9.1250	+0.4
Gold	\$1,291.30	-0.3	Sugar	\$0.1279	-1.0
Natural Gas	\$2.59	-2.6	Wheat	\$4.6325	-1.1

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Exchange-Traded (Ticker)

Daily % Chg

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\$1000

\$1200

day

month

Coffee (COFF.L)	1.3			
Copper (COPAL)	-0.5			
Corn (CORN.L)	1.1			
Cotton (COTN.L)	-2.4			
Crude Oil (CRUD.L)	-1.6			
Gasoline (UGAS.L)	-0.8			
Gold (BULL.L)	-0.4			
Natural Gas (NGAS.L)	-1.8			
Silver (SLVR.L)	-0.5			

Gainers and Losers from the S&P 1500 Index

Gainers	Close	Daily % Chg	Losers	Close	Daily % Chg
Electr for Imaging	\$38.00	29.3	Alliance Data Sys	\$164.04	-9.3
Adient PLC	\$23.73	14.5	Cutera Inc	\$16.74	-6.8
Catalent Inc	\$44.41	13.1	Bed Bath & Beyond	\$16.88	-6.2
Briggs & Stratton	\$13.59	8.3	Enesco Rowan plc	\$14.85	-5.8
Medidata Solutions	\$80.55	7.5	Sonic Automotive	\$15.51	-5.7
Dean Foods	\$2.30	7.5	AppliedOptoelectrnics	\$12.36	-5.6
Patrick Industries	\$52.05	5.8	Denbury Resources	\$2.26	-5.0
WeightWtch	\$18.66	5.4	CBL & Associates	\$1.39	-4.8
Shoe Carnival	\$36.46	4.5	Nektar Therapeutics	\$33.49	-4.7
Tailored Brands Inc	\$7.74	4.0	LSC Communications	\$6.92	-4.6
Anthem Inc	\$262.88	4.0	Orion Group	\$2.62	-4.4
Comfort Systems USA	\$57.13	3.6	GameStop Corp	\$8.94	-4.1
Bel Fuse Inc	\$25.98	3.5	Washington Prime	\$5.10	-4.0
US Physical Therapy	\$115.59	3.4	Electronic Arts	\$97.85	-3.9
Brown Shoe	\$26.69	3.2	Frontier Comm	\$2.46	-3.9
UnitedHealth Group	\$230.20	3.1	Control4 Corp	\$17.05	-3.9
AAON Inc	\$47.60	2.9	Cincinnati Bell	\$9.93	-3.9
ProPetro Holding	\$23.92	2.9	Goldman Sachs	\$199.91	-3.8
Hain Celestial	\$22.70	2.9	AR Best	\$32.42	-3.8
Big Lots Inc	\$39.33	2.9	Atlas Air Worldwide	\$49.73	-3.6

Treasury Performance Over Past Three Months

10-year note	Yield: 2.55	2-year note	Yield: 2.39
5-year note	Yield: 2.37	6-month bill	Yield: 2.43

Note: Bank prime is from 10 major banks. Federal Funds rate is the market rate, which can vary from the federal target rate. LIBOR is the London Interbank Offered Rate. Consumer rates are from Bankrate. All figures as of 4:30 p.m. New York time.

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# On Twitter, Trump writes that he would ‘FIX,’ ‘REBRAND’ Boeing 737 Max

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President Trump began Monday on Twitter by offering a lesson in Branding 101.

The test case: “If I were Boeing,”

Just weeks ago, as Boeing came under intense scrutiny for the safety of its 737 Max 8 planes, Trump asserted: “Airplanes are becoming far too complex to fly. Pilots are no longer needed, but rather computer scientists from MIT”

But he took a different tack Monday when he said that if he were in charge of the U.S. aviation giant — as opposed to, say, the executive branch — he would “FIX the Boeing 737 MAX, add some additional great features, & REBRAND the plane with a new name.”

“No product has suffered like this one,” Trump tweeted. “But again, what the hell do I know?”

The tweet stands in contrast with his earlier stance that the problem with air travel was that flying had just become “far too complex.”

“I see it all the time in many products. Always seeking to go one unnecessary step further, when often old and simpler is far better,” Trump wrote.

However, an aviation consultant who spent two years as marketing director for Trump’s ill-fated aviation venture, Trump Shuttle, described the business executive as a “marketer’s marketer” who had little business expertise in airplanes or airlines.

Trump spent lavishly on gilded interiors for his company’s planes but wanted to cut corners on important safety issues, including a Federal Aviation Adminis-



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**Boeing 737 Max aircraft sit at an airfield in Victorville, Calif. President Trump has said the industry has become too complex, but a consultant who worked with him said he didn’t understand airplanes.**

tration requirement to have three pilots in the planes, Henry Hartevelt said.

“The 727 required three pilots, but he at one point questioned why we needed the third pilot — the flight engineer — and we had to explain to him why you can’t just do that,” Hartevelt said.

Trump Shuttle ceased to exist after 1992, when it merged with another company.

Boeing has come under intense scrutiny — from regulatory agencies and customers alike — since two 737 Max planes crashed within a five-month period, killing 346 people. But the special relationship between the 102-year-

old company and the federal government made it all the more noteworthy for Trump to claim that “no product has suffered like this one.”

As The Washington Post reported last month, Boeing and the U.S. government have historically relied upon one another, “together creating hundreds of thousands of jobs, outfitting the United States with top military aircraft and supplying planes worldwide to allow the growth of passenger air travel and to boost U.S. exports.” Yet those close ties are being seen through a more critical lens as Boeing and U.S. regulators appeared slow to react

to the March 10 crash of a Boeing 737 Max 8 jet in Ethiopia.

Trump hardly stood apart from earlier presidents in his broad support for Boeing. Speaking at a Boeing plant in South Carolina in 2017, Trump closed out his speech saying, “God bless you, may God bless the United States of America, and God bless Boeing.”

Last week, the White House Office of the U.S. Trade Representative announced it would pursue tariffs against a slate of aircraft and airplane parts coming from the European Union, as well as other products such as brandy and brooms from E.U. countries. The office warned that the tariffs

would have consequences for an extended trade dispute involving Airbus, the European aircraft behemoth, and said the damage caused by E.U. subsidies totaled \$11 billion every year.

“The World Trade Organization finds that the European Union subsidies to Airbus has adversely impacted the United States, which will now put Tariffs on \$11 billion of EU products!” Trump said on Twitter. “The EU has taken advantage of the U.S. on trade for many years. It will soon stop!”

The president’s Monday morning tweet came four weeks into a worldwide grounding of Boeing 737 Max jets — a precaution that probably will drag on for some time. American Airlines said Sunday it was canceling flights on the aircraft through Aug. 19 while it waits for Boeing and the FAA to fix and recertify the 737 Max’s flight-control systems.

“We remain confident that the impending software updates, along with the new training elements Boeing is developing for the MAX, will lead to recertification of the aircraft soon,” American Airlines President Robert Isom and CEO Doug Parker wrote in a letter to pilots and employees.

United Airlines on Monday said it was canceling Boeing 737 Max flights through early July, CNBC reported.

Hartevelt said like many travelers, Trump failed to understand the complexities of running an airline or aircraft safety.

“He certainly does understand branding and marketing,” he said. “In this case, though, when it comes to airplanes, he doesn’t understand the details and complexity that come with aircraft design and certification. He’s not

a pilot; he’s not an aviation professional. He’s a traveler, and travelers don’t always understand the details of how the airlines work.”

Trump Shuttle got its start in 1989 when Trump bought Eastern Air Lines out of bankruptcy, acquiring a small fleet of Boeing 727 jets.

Trump then spent about \$1 million on each of the 21 planes, installing luxury furnishings including chrome-plated seat belts embossed with the Trump logo. He had little knowledge of the planes themselves, however, and was not sensitive to the technical and regulatory side of running an airline, Hartevelt said.

As far as Trump’s suggestion that the 737 Max be fixed and rebranded, “You cannot just rebrand an airplane,” Hartevelt said. “Airplanes are not detergent or gum or aspirin. ... They are certified by the FAA as a specific model according to the training that pilots and flight attends need.”

Hartevelt said Boeing probably would view Trump’s tweet as “more of a nuisance than anything else.”

Hartevelt described the 737 Max as a “brand extension” to an older model of 737s. An entirely different plane would have had trouble breaking into a market where generations of 737 jets are already accepted.

“Large 737 customers didn’t want a new airplane,” he said. “It would have been more complex and expensive in terms of onboarding the new plane — not just certifying with the FAA but the amount of knowledge and training that went into it.”

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# While GOP promotes tax cuts, the president veers off topic

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piece of paper. “It’s a big con job. That’s what it is.”

The afternoon remarks came hours after he took a direct shot at one of the state’s members of Congress, Rep. Ilhan Omar (D) — whom Trump called “out of control” — as Omar continued to come under criticism for comments that critics view as dismissive of the tragedy of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The dueling Trumps on Tax Day highlighted a parallel dynamic at play ahead of his reelection bid: While the broader GOP apparatus is attempting to focus on the economy, the campaigner in chief is seizing on more confrontational messages that may appeal to the base but potentially turn off swing voters.

“If they’re focused on expanding his popularity and the party’s popularity, they should be talking about the economy, and they should be talking about tax cuts,” said Tony Fratto, a former White House and Treasury Department spokesman during the George W. Bush administration. “Every time they choose to double down and talk about immigration, they lose an opportunity.”

The Trump campaign, the White House and the Republican National Committee were all following the same playbook Monday, the first Tax Day to reflect the full impact of the GOP’s 2017 tax cuts, with a messaging effort reminding voters that the law had saved most Americans money.

“American Workers Are Thriving Thanks To President Donald J. Trump’s Middle Class Tax Cuts,” the White House said in a news release Monday morning. That statement came about 30 minutes after another release titled “Secretary Mnuchin: ‘The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act Is Working,’ which linked to a CNN opinion piece by Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

Meanwhile, officials at the National Republican Senatorial Committee released a colorful video set to peppy music that touted the benefits of the GOP tax law, while the group’s chairman, Sen. Todd C. Young (R-Ind.), co-wrote an op-ed that celebrated “higher wages, record economic optimism, record low unemployment” thanks to Republican policies.

Trump, on the other hand, fired off several morning tweets that veered far off topic.

He began his day with a 6:29 a.m. tweet advising Boeing to “REBRAND” its troubled 737 Max planes, then followed that with a stream of tweets that included attacks on House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), a demand for Congress to return to Washington to “FIX THE IMMIGRATION LAWS!” and a call to “INVESTIGATE THE INVESTIGATORS!” behind special counsel Robert S. Mueller III’s report.



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**President Trump, at a roundtable on the economy in Burnsville, Minn., promoted the effects of tax cuts before turning to one of his favorite topics: the need for Congress to act on immigration.**

In one tweet, Trump accused Omar of making “anti-Semitic, anti-Israel and ungrateful U.S. HATE statements.” In another, he complained: “The Radical Left Democrats will never be satisfied with anything we give them. They will always Resist and Obstruct!”

At one point, Trump posted a tweet saying he agreed with the singer Cher, who had said she didn’t support Los Angeles taking in thousands of Central American migrants while the city faced poverty and homelessness.

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**Tony Fratto**, a former George W. Bush administration official, on GOP messaging

Later in Burnsville, Minn., Trump spent the better part of an hour promoting the economic gains prompted by the tax cuts while listening to several small-business owners tell him how the 2017 law had improved their paychecks and their bottom lines.

But then the president returned to one of his favorite topics.

“Congress has to get smart” on immigration, he said. “And honestly, when I say Congress, I can’t blame the Republicans. The Re-

publicans want to do it. But you need the votes of the Democrats.”

The president added: “We can retake the House, I think, over this issue ... As soon as we do, we’re going to get this straightened out.”

At least one GOP veteran of House campaigns disagreed that Trump could carry House Republicans to victory next fall on a hard-line immigration message.

“As we saw in 2018, immigration will inflame both sides. Those folks will never be moved,” said Matt Gorman, who served as communications director for the House GOP campaign arm in the 2018 cycle. “However, in swing districts in Texas, Florida and California, that debate hurt us.”

But Trump aides say the president has a knack for driving key messages in unorthodox ways.

Tim Murtaugh, the campaign’s communication director, said that “Trump’s political and communications instincts are always sharp, and the campaign follows his lead.”

“As the president shows, it is entirely possible to carry more than one message at a time. Immigration issues will always be key, as will be the booming economy,” he said. “The Russia hoax is also a frequent topic for the campaign, as we remind Americans that they were lied to for two years.

Murtaugh added, “Like millions of Americans, the president found Rep. Omar’s comments on Jews and remarks belittling the 9/11 attacks to be offensive.”

Other Republicans rationalized Trump’s use of 9/11 imagery

by saying that Omar’s remarks from a March speech — in which she emphasized the discrimination that Muslims in the United States faced after the 2001 attacks, when “some people did something” — were deeply offensive. On Friday, Trump had tweeted a video that included footage

of the burning twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001, mixed with clips from Omar’s speech before the Council on American-Islamic Relations — which triggered an outcry from Democrats that he was politicizing the terrorist attacks.

“I think what she did was absolutely disgraceful,” Rep. Peter T. King (R-N.Y.) said Monday. Though King said he himself tries to avoid using images of the attacks in political conversations, he added, “I think the president’s trying to make a point ... in this case, I would allow it.”

Many Republicans have been frustrated by Trump’s unwillingness to drive a consistent message promoting the GOP tax cuts, both while the legislation was being written and after it was enacted into law. The legislation is still largely unpopular with the public, and only 17 percent of voters believed they got a tax cut, according to an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll released last week.

That runs counter to independent analyses, such as one from the conservative Tax Foundation, which found that more than 65 percent of taxpayers will have their tax liabilities reduced by at least \$100. Just 5.5 percent of taxpayers will see a tax increase this year, according to the think tank, which used a report on the tax law produced by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation.

Trump’s inability to focus on a single message — last year during a tax event, he threw his prepared remarks in the air, calling them “boring” — is a key reason some

of his accomplishments haven’t gained traction with the public, said Chris Whipple, author of “The Gatekeepers,” a history of White House chiefs of staff.

“He can’t even focus on the few things that he’s accomplished,” Whipple said. “He goes for the jugular, he throws raw meat to the base. That’s his comfort zone. It’s not talking about accomplishments.”

Still, some Republican allies said Trump’s willingness to depart from political orthodoxy keeps his 2020 Democratic opponents off-kilter and forces them to spend time responding to him rather than defining themselves. Many Democratic presidential candidates spent much of the past weekend figuring out how to respond to an earlier Trump tweet attacking Omar.

Sarah Dolan, executive director of the conservative super PAC America Rising, said Democratic presidential candidates will struggle to present a positive message as long as Trump is influencing the primary.

“The other benefit for us is that each of them is trying to roll out positive policy initiatives or introduce themselves to voters, and instead they are having to deal with negative stories about them or negative stories about other candidates in the field and react,” said Dolan, whose group compiles opposition research on Democrats. “All of those things are helpful for us because that becomes the only thing that voters associate with them.”

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# Government, private sector remain vulnerable to cyberwar one-upmanship

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SAUSALITO, Calif. — A cyber arms race is underway, and few Americans have noticed.

Lisa Monaco, who served as the homeland security adviser in President Barack Obama’s White House, said many countries are changing how they approach the digital battlefield, from focusing primarily on espionage to “geopolitical one-upmanship.”

“The game is getting disrupted,” she said. “If we had this conversation two and a half years ago, I would have described the threat I was seeing at the time as more diffuse, more sophisticated and more dangerous than at any other time in my career in government. Today I have an overwhelming sense that if we look at the threat actors as basically aligned in a drag race — nation-states, nonstate actors, hacktivists, criminal groups — the nation-states have far and away set themselves apart.”

Monaco spoke Friday during a four-day cybersecurity conference sponsored by the nonpartisan Hewlett Foundation, which convened a few dozen insiders from the national security community along with executives from technology companies to discuss threats facing the United States in the digital world and how to better respond to them.

Although Russia and election interference still garnered significant attention, many of the conversations were about other emerging — and sobering — risks. There is a desire among many experts not to fight the last war but to prepare for the next one.

“You can’t understate how much damage Edward Snowden really did because what he did was expose how sophisticated United States efforts were, and now everyone feels like they have to catch up,” said Matthew Prince, chief executive of the

Internet security firm Cloudflare, referring to the former NSA contractor who is a fugitive in Moscow.

Monaco pointed to recent reporting about Vietnam targeting multinational automotive companies, possibly for the benefit of its domestic auto industry. She said Americans need to impose high costs on bad actors and to isolate them. “We should not be naive about how difficult deterrence is in cyberspace,” she said, “but we’re not practicing it enough.”

It’s easier than ever for countries with cash to hire mercenaries to do their bidding in cyberspace. Many regimes around the globe appear to be increasingly aggressive about contracting with commercial spyware companies. Ron Deibert, director of the Citizen Lab at the University of Toronto, oversees a team of researchers who track the commercial abuse of spyware and surveillance technologies against dissidents, journalists and other pillars of civil society. They have collected evidence that for-profit companies in countries such as Israel have helped government forces in places such as Saudi Arabia and Mexico infect the phones of people who are critical of their policies. They trick people into clicking phishing links and take over their phones without their knowledge. Once that happens, they can turn on the microphone, the camera and location services and even read texts on encrypted apps. The technologies have stealth-mode capabilities so that the villains can cover their tracks.

“We feel this is becoming something of a crisis,” Deibert said in an hour-long briefing on his research. “Civil society organizations are being targeted, but they don’t have the same defense mechanisms as government or industry.”

Microsoft President Brad Smith expressed concern about emerging artificial intelligence and facial recognition



Some technology leaders worry that facial recognition software could fall into the wrong hands.

technology falling into the wrong hands. “To me, the most dangerous abuse would be its use by authoritarian governments to really seek to chill, if not eliminate, all rights of people to assemble to express their points of view,” he said during a lunch-hour conversation Friday. “It’s actually a big challenge because facial recognition . . . favors those who have the most data . . . That’s the quintessential incentive for a race to the bottom [in which companies take any deal they can get] . . . Arguably, the only way to prevent a race to the bottom is to have a regulatory floor. So, we need laws to be put in place.”

Smith said Microsoft has been turning down revenue for this reason. “One deal we turned down roughly a year ago was to an authoritarian government that wanted to roll it out over a capital city where we concluded that we just wouldn’t have confidence that human rights would be protected,” he said in a lunchtime Q&A. “Now, if there

were a hospital in that same country where there was a specific way to use it to promote better health care, and if it was tied to a service that ran in our own data center so that the technology wouldn’t be in the wild . . . and I had confidence that we could control it in a way that was responsible — I wouldn’t necessarily say no.”

With the proliferation of cyber operations by other state actors, Monaco warned that U.S. government sites remain vulnerable and pressed for more focus on data security. She said the hacks of the Office of Personnel Management in 2014 and 2015 underscored systemic weaknesses. U.S. officials have said that the Chinese government is responsible for the OPM breach, which gave Beijing access to major databases and exposed the sensitive information of about 22.1 million people, including not just federal employees and contractors but their families and friends.

“OPM was a parade of

horribles, beginning with legacy systems that frankly were incapable of being secured because they were so old,” Monaco said. “It is a function of a failure of the federal government and Congress to fund an actual revolving fund to replace systems that actually can be secured. Your home system or the company you work in wouldn’t dream of having some of these legacy systems.”

She said that military servers and classified networks are in a much better position, but civilian agencies remain weak links. “There are marks of progress, but there’s a lot more work to do on the federal side,” said Monaco, a former federal prosecutor who served as chief of staff to Robert S. Mueller III when he was FBI director and worked at the Justice Department during Obama’s first term. “Incidentally, we’re not better off now that we don’t have a cybersecurity coordinator in the White House.”

The Obama administration rolled out a Cybersecurity

National Action Plan that sought \$300 million in a revolving fund to replace legacy systems across the federal government. She said they asked every agency in the government — down to the Marine Mammal Commission — to identify the information in its possession that could be most valuable to a foreign government.

“It’s still not fully funded,” she said. “The lesson was that we need to look at data in a whole new way. It’s no longer an issue of securing your systems. That continues to be an issue, but a lot of us and a lot of organizations have pretty much gone to school on that. But we have to be looking at the data that we gather, that we consume and that we use.”

Eric Rosenbach, who was the chief of staff to Defense Secretary Ashton B. Carter during Obama’s second term and now co-directs the Belfer Center at Harvard, said other countries are much less responsible and cautious than the United States about conducting offensive cyber operations. He warned that 2016 offered only a small taste of the danger.

“What really happened with the election was very, very, very minimal compared to what it could be. Even though we see that as a risk, it’s maybe even bigger now because what the bad guys saw was a very weak response,” he said. “Imagine there is the big attack — maybe it’s against GPS; that’s something that is really worrisome.”

What worries him is an overreaction or an overcorrection to something like that. “Imagine the next day — like after 9/11 — all of the things that are passed, in particular if it’s with this administration,” Rosenbach said. “What’s actually worse: The reaction and what that would do to civil liberties, privacy and democracy? Or GPS going down for who knows how long? That’s actually a little frightening.”

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# Liberals say Pelosi marginalizing left

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age of the burning twin towers.

But liberals seethed that Pelosi (Calif.) and Democratic leaders did too little, too late. They were equally baffled by Pelosi’s quip seeming to dismiss Ocasio-Cortez during a CBS “60 Minutes” interview Sunday, suggesting her “wing” of the party included “like five people.”

“What we’re seeing here is old-guard leadership trying to marginalize some of the big change agents who were elected in 2018 because they’re afraid of what it means to their leadership in the future,” said Charles Chamberlain, chair of the liberal group Democracy for America.

Using Pelosi’s oft-repeated phrase — “Diversity is our strength and unity is our power” — Chamberlain said that when the speaker “tries to marginalize some of the newest leaders who are fighting hard . . . it’s not a good look and it’s not a smart strategy.”

The tensions underscore Democrats’ struggle to discern the best way to respond to Trump and the GOP’s attacks on their far-left flank, criticism frequently centered on women of color. The president has made Omar (Minn.) and Ocasio-Cortez (N.Y.) favorite foils, accusing all Democrats of becoming “socialists” like Ocasio-Cortez or “anti-Israel,” as Omar frequently criticizes Israel and its treatment of the Palestinians.

Pelosi, eager to protect her newfound majority and looking ahead to the 2020 elections, has made it a point to put distance between her party and the policies espoused by some of her new, liberal members, including both women. Republicans have tried to use the liberal policy initiatives against all Democrats. Pelosi purposely has cast the proposals as aspirational, telling The Washington Post she was “agnostic” about Medicare-for-all compared with the 2010 Affordable Care Act, and calling Ocasio-Cortez’s environmental Green New Deal “the green dream.”

Pelosi’s allies say it’s all to protect the House majority, a rationale Pelosi cited while taking questions during a Monday appearance at the London School of Economics. Asked about her “60 Minutes” comments about Ocasio-Cortez, Pelosi called the New York liberal “wonderful” but argued that the 43 districts Demo-

crats flipped in 2018 were “right down the middle.”

“I share those values, but we must win,” she said, arguing that the glass of water she was holding could carry a district like hers if it had a “D” for Democrat next to its name.

Pelosi’s office defended her response to Trump’s attacks on Omar. A spokesman noted that Pelosi was traveling to Europe on Friday when Trump issued his tweet about a single phrase of Omar’s that “some people did something” on 9/11 and that the speaker did express solidarity with the lawmaker Saturday, writing: “The memory of 9/11 is sacred ground, and any discussion of it must be done with reverence.”

“The president shouldn’t use the painful images of 9/11 for a political attack,” Pelosi tweeted.

But Omar’s allies said that wasn’t good enough. The tweet, they said, didn’t mention the Minnesota Democrat at all and could even be read as a rebuke of her.

On Sunday, Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D-Mich.), the other Muslim congresswoman, went so far as to accuse the Democratic leadership of using people of color to highlight diversity but ignoring them when it mattered — though she did not name Pelosi in the missive.

“They put us in photos when they want to show our party is diverse,” Tlaib wrote, retweeting messages claiming Democrats used women of color as “props.”

“However, when we ask to be at the table, or speak up about issues that impact who we are, what we fight for & why we ran in the first place, we are ignored. To truly honor our diversity is to never silence us.”

Over the weekend, more than 200 outside groups signed onto a letter of support for Omar. One reason, said several group leaders who signed, was to show Pelosi and her leadership team that it was acceptable to defend Omar.

“People are just frustrated with how weak the Democratic Party leadership’s response has been on this,” said Waleed Shahid, spokesman for the liberal group Justice Democrats that has talked about challenging Democratic incumbents. “The response has been so tepid and lackluster. . . . They seem to be running away from it because they’re afraid of controversy and conflict.”

Shahid also criticized Pelosi on Twitter for her comments about

Ocasio-Cortez, a lawmaker his group helped elect.

On Sunday, Pelosi issued a statement saying she spoke with the House sergeant-at-arms to ensure that U.S. Capitol Police would keep Omar safe amid new death threats following Trump’s attacks. Omar thanked Pelosi.

On Monday, Pelosi called Trump’s actions “wrong,” saying, “I don’t think any president of the United States should use the tragedy of 9/11 as a political tool.”

The level of outrage among liberals varies. While many lawmakers have privately criticized Pelosi about her response to Omar, few would go on the record — a sign of either deep respect for her long-held position or fear of reprisal. Even several of Omar’s friends in Congress declined to give interviews on the topic Monday.

Indeed, liberals in recent days have chosen not to fight Pelosi on a number of battles. While the congressional Progressive Caucus last week sank a leadership-backed budget bill, its passage was not critical, allowing the left to send a warning to leadership without burning bridges or scuttling a must-pass bill.

Liberals at the same time stood down after vowing to fight legislation benefiting the lucrative tax preparation industry last week. They also have yet to follow up their criticism of a recent Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee policy banning strategists who work for those challenging incumbents in primaries, what they’ve deemed a “blacklist.”

Pelosi, in the meantime, doesn’t appear interested in changing her strategy. In a recent Washington Post interview, she spoke at length about how she doesn’t think her caucus is any more liberal than it was before the 2018 election, despite the influx of lawmakers such as Ocasio-Cortez and Omar.

The 2020 presidential candidates may be more liberal, she allowed, but “in our caucus we’ve always been progressive.”

“But our agenda is one that worked in all the districts,” she said. “Lower health-care costs, bigger paychecks, cleaner government. So, no, I mean, there are a few people who are espousing a more progressive public position, it doesn’t mean that other people support or oppose it. It’s how to get it done.”

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# TUESDAY OPINION



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A regular Whopper, left, and an Impossible Whopper at a Burger King in St. Louis.

## For the Impossible Whopper, consider the possibilities

BY DANIEL NEMAN

ST. LOUIS

Trying Burger King's new Impossible Whopper requires a certain intellectual disconnect.

You know you're eating something made from plants, but it tastes distinctly "burgerish."

You think you're eating something healthy, but you're actually consuming 630 calories, only 30 fewer than a regular Whopper (though the low cholesterol and zero trans fats do count on the healthy side).

You think you're eating cheap fast food, and you are, but the Impossible Whopper still costs a dollar more than a regular Whopper.

The St. Louis area, with 59 Burger King locations, has been chosen as the sole test market for the Impossible Whopper. We're the middle of Middle America, and if something that is "hamburgery" without being an actual hamburger can sell here, then it can sell anywhere.

Apparently, it is selling well. Tiffany Billops, manager of a Burger King location in the city's Academy neighborhood, told me that her restaurant has seen a significant increase both in sales and traffic since its introduction on April 1. (Burger King's announcement of a vegetarian Whopper on April Fools' Day was greeted by some as a prank.)

Across the Mississippi River, near Granite City, Ill., it may be selling even better.

"Oh my God," counter clerk Morgan McMurray told me. "Maybe even more than the regular Whopper. I didn't think they'd sell, but they do."

Much of the initial burst of activity, of course, can be attributed to the novelty of the thing. People want to try something new, especially when that

something is a Whopper that isn't really a Whopper. But Billops said she has already seen Impossible repeat customers, an encouraging sign for Burger King and for Impossible Foods, its ally in the venture.

Chief executive Pat Brown founded Impossible Foods in 2011 with the goal of helping to wean the world off animal agriculture with plant-based alternatives to "make the global food system truly sustainable."

The environmentally friendly message no doubt accounts for the Impossible Whopper's appeal to many people. But how does the burger taste?

To be honest, news about the Impossible Whopper hadn't stirred a great desire in me to try one. I was no more interested in sampling plants that taste like meat than I was in trying meat that tastes like plants.

But, much in the pioneering spirit of Jesse Lazear, who allowed himself to be bitten by a mosquito carrying yellow fever, and Max von Pettenkofer, who drank broth laced with cholera bacteria, I ordered an Impossible Whopper. Actually, I ordered two. And a regular Whopper as a baseline for comparison.

The Impossible Whopper patty looks reasonably like any other fast-food quarter-pound burger: perfectly round, flat and brown. The red juice that oozes out of thicker Impossible Burgers sold at tonier restaurants is not to be found in Impossible Whoppers; at fast-food restaurants, the meat is well-done even when it is not meat.

I pulled off a chunk of the patty for a taste — it was a bit squishier than a similar chunk from the beef patty — and popped it in my mouth. The taste was flatter than a real beef burger and a bit harsh. Of more concern was the slightly metallic aftertaste.

But when you add all the accoutrements of a Whopper, that's a different

story. Place a patty between a sesame-seed bun with lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, mayonnaise and ketchup, and you have something that almost tastes like a Whopper, though still squishier.

"You'll taste the difference," said the woman who sold me my first one, and she was right. But other customers were more positive.

"It's good. Flavorful. It tastes like meat," said James Lee, a 61-year-old senior maintenance technician.

"You really don't know. You only know because you know what's in it. It's mind over matter. If you don't tell anybody, they don't know," said Judeah Sims, 26, the assistant manager at a nearby apartment building.

Impossible patties are made from soy protein concentrate and potato protein, with fat from coconut and sunflower oils, all bound together with methyl cellulose, a laxative. The meaty flavor (and perhaps the metallic aftertaste) comes from iron-rich heme, a molecule that exists in every living organism. In animals, it is the part of hemoglobin that carries oxygen in the blood.

In this case, heme is created through the miracle of genetic manipulation. The DNA of soy leghemoglobin is inserted into yeast, which is then fermented, and the blood-red heme is extracted from that.

The anti-GMO crowd will be put off by that angle, and vegans won't like that the vegetable patties are cooked on the same equipment as their beefy brethren. But will the environmental appeal be enough in St. Louis to persuade Burger King that this Whopper belongs in the company's more than 7,000 locations nationwide? It's not impossible.

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MICHAEL GERSON

## Trump's attacks on Muslims are a threat to all religions

So another norm of public decency falls, like a historical building demolished to make way for one of Donald Trump's tasteless towers.

When the president of the United States goes after an American Muslim — in this case Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-Minn.), who came to the United States as a Somali refugee — using images of the 9/11 attacks, it is cruel, frightening and dangerous in new ways.

It is cruel because Trump essentially delivered his political rant while standing on desecrated graves. The images he employed not only included burning buildings but burning human beings, drafted into a sad and sordid political ploy. Is nothing sacred to Trump? When said aloud, the question sounds like an absurdity. Trump has never given the slightest indication of propriety, respect or reverence. His narcissism leaves no room to honor other people or to honor other gods. Both the living and the dead matter only as servants to the cause of Trump himself.

This cruelty extends to those who have fled war in Syria. President Barack Obama did little to serve their interests. Now, the victims of violence are treated as villains in Trump's fictional version of global threats. Syrian refugees, according to Trump, are "trying to take over our children and convince them how wonderful ISIS is, and how wonderful Islam is." On the strength of such calumnies, Trump has essentially destroyed America's asylum system.

This has led to a frightening state of affairs. By all the evidence, Trump is an anti-Muslim bigot. At one campaign event in 2015, a member of the audience stated, "We have a problem in this country, it's called Muslims." And he went on to ask, "When can we get rid of them?" Trump responded: "We're going to be looking at that and plenty of other things." Imagine a normal politician on the left or right being asked about the possibility of getting rid of all the Christians, or getting rid of all the Jews. They would likely use such a moment to clarify that they aren't, in fact, insanely prejudiced monsters. Trump used such a moment to affirm the instinct of mass deportation and to promise a range of other anti-Muslim actions.

Could this have been a slip of the tongue? No, it wasn't. Trump has a long history of animus — raw animus — against one of the Abrahamic faiths. He

has said, "We're having problems with the Muslims." And: "There is a Muslim problem in the world." And: "The United Kingdom is trying hard to disguise their massive Muslim problem." And: "Islam hates us."

The Koran, in Trump's scholarly opinion, "teaches some very negative vibe." He has claimed: "You have people coming out of mosques with hatred and death in their eyes." He once called for a "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States." He has variously and publicly considered the closing of mosques, warrantless searches and the creation of a national database to track Muslims. In Trump's view, "We're going to have to do things that we never did before."

The president claims to have seen "thousands and thousands" of American Muslims cheering on 9/11 when the towers fell — a lie and libel. He attacked a Muslim Gold Star mother, claiming that she "wasn't allowed" to speak at the Democratic convention because of her faith — a lie and a libel. He has praised Gen. John J. Pershing for executing Muslim insurgents in the Philippines with bullets dipped in pig's blood — a historical myth, but a revealing fantasy of anti-Muslim war crimes.

By all the evidence, Trump believes that Islam is incompatible with American ideals and that Muslims are, as a group, threatening to American security. This is not only rank religious bigotry; it is the attitude most likely to alienate some Muslims from American ideals and turn a dangerous few toward radicalism and violence.

None of this requires us to believe that Omar is a wise or thoughtful public figure. She isn't. She traffics in the worst anti-Semitic tropes. But Trump's perception of religious liberty as freedom only for the faiths he prefers is a potential threat to every religious group. What if some future leader views Mormonism as incompatible with American democracy, or evangelical Protestantism? By what principle would Trump supporters be able to criticize discrimination against such groups?

Religious freedom is either rigorously equal, or it becomes an instrument of those in power to favor or disfavor religions of their choice. And those believers who are currently in favor may someday discover what disfavor is like.

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## Have you no decency, sir?

President Trump has summoned Joseph Welch from the grave. Welch stood up to Sen. Joseph McCarthy in 1954 when the demagogic Wisconsin Republican smeared Welch's associate, Fred Fisher, as a communist sympathizer. When McCarthy persisted, Welch earned his way into every Bartlett's by saying, "Have you no decency, sir, at long last? Have you left no sense of decency?" McCarthy had none and neither does his heir in slime, Donald John Trump.

The latest evidence is Trump's attack on Rep. Ilhan Omar, the Minnesota Democrat. Omar, whose true talent may be sloppy, irresponsible speech, clumsily referred to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by saying "some people did something," which, taken out of context, shockingly trivialized mass murder. Predictably, her remarks were indeed taken out of context, first by the journalistically squalid New York Post and then by the object of its affections, the president of the United States.

The New York tabloid put a picture of the burning twin towers on its front page with the virtually neon headline, "Here's your something," and then, "2,977 people dead by terrorism." The New York Post is Trump's virtual brain trust. So it was no surprise that Trump followed up with a tweet declaring "WE WILL NEVER FORGET" along with a video showing Omar saying the offending words and segueing to images of Lower Manhattan after the terrorist attacks.

The White House was instantly criticized for that tweet as yet another attempt by Trump to incite hatred. Quickly, a good chunk of the flash mob that has materialized to seek the Democratic presidential nomination came to her defense without any of them suggesting that she think before she opens her mouth. She has, after all, said some doozies. "It's all about the Benjamins baby," she tweeted back in February, implying that overwhelming congressional support for Israel is bought by Jewish money. She apologized for the tweet. But then she told a D.C. audience that American supporters for Israel are pushing "for allegiance to a foreign country."

That was a shockingly dumb remark that Congress could not bring itself to condemn on its own. Instead, it subsumed into a general condemnation of everything vile: bigotry directed at "African-Americans, Native Americans, and other people of color, Jews, Muslims,

Hindus, Sikhs, immigrants and others." It is that "and others" that managed to render the whole exercise both silly and offensive.

Here is a fact: Omar was elected by 267,703 people in Minnesota. Here is another: There are 327.2 million people in the United States. Omar is a first-term representative, chairperson of no committee and should matter little. That she does matter is partly attributable to her being a political exotic and partly to her gift for offensive statements. If you listen to the entirety of her remarks about the 9/11 attacks, even if you want very much to find them offensive, you will come away uncertain. The supposedly clear case dissolves under scrutiny.

Actually, it was not Omar who denigrated those terrorist attacks. It was first Rupert Murdoch's New York Post, then his Fox News and, finally, Trump. They were the ones who exploited this horrid crime for political purposes. They are intent on making Omar the face of the Democratic Party — a caricature that's thoroughly leftist, repellently anti-Semitic, frighteningly nonwhite and terrifyingly non-Christian. The end is nigh.

As Trump has repeatedly shown, he has no shame and he has no empathy. His continuing feud with the quite dead John McCain seems out of Shakespeare — some deranged character haranguing the ghost of an old foe. Trump's inability to appreciate how intensely McCain suffered as a prisoner of war in Vietnam evinces a meanness and moral rottenness that shames both himself and the many in his party who look the other way.

But in the way a Typhoid Mary can spread a disease but is immune to it, so is Trump immune to shame. He has, though, infected the Republican Party. It has to know that Trump is exploiting the horror of 9/11 to rally the faithful for his reelection effort, but it says nothing. The party has become a kind of horror film, Republican after Republican arising from a swamp — the living dead, marching toward political survival, lacking only a soul.

Omar is both as important and unimportant as Fisher, the young lawyer attacked by McCarthy and defended by Welch. They were both meant to represent larger forces — communism in Fisher's case and Islam in Omar's — but they came instead to represent something their antagonists did not intend: victims of a shameful abuse of political power.

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## Admit it: Fox News has been right all along

BY GARY ABERNATHY

Throughout most of southern Ohio, residents who watch cable news are predominantly glued to one channel: Fox News.

People there don't watch Fox News to know what to think; they already know what they think, and they avoid news channels that insult their intelligence and core beliefs. Yes, Fox News is an echo chamber for the right, but no more than CNN and MSNBC are for the left, as far as conservatives are concerned. To be fair, when a Democrat is in the White House, the networks switch places, with Fox News criticizing every move, and MSNBC and CNN defending the Oval Office fortress.

But for now, while partisans on the left may quibble, the fact remains that on the subject of collusion with Russia by President Trump or his campaign, Fox News was right and the others were wrong. For at least two years, MSNBC and CNN devoted hour upon hour, day after day, to promoting the narrative that Trump colluded with the Russians, and that special counsel Robert S. Mueller III was going to prove it. That turned out to be wrong.

Along with defending Trump, Fox News hosts such as Tucker Carlson, Laura Ingraham and, especially, Sean Hannity have been slammed for spending nearly two years clamoring for an investigation of the investigators, aligning themselves with the president's claim of a politically motivated witch hunt. Most of the media portrayed such accusations as preposterous, designed merely to divert attention from Trump's alleged misdeeds.

But then comes Attorney General William P. Barr, dropping a bombshell last week by declaring during congressional testimony that he thinks "spying did occur" on the Trump campaign in 2016, and that he is looking into it. Democrats

and many in the media immediately blasted Barr for carrying Trump's water. Barr soon clarified his remarks, saying, "I am not saying that improper surveillance occurred. I'm saying that I am concerned about it and looking into it."

Just three weeks ago, before Mueller wrapped up his report, The Post — in a story representative of mainstream sources at the time — produced a mostly flattering profile of the new attorney general. "A Justice Department official told The Washington Post last month that Barr is viewed at the department as 'a lawyer's lawyer' and is seen as less politically minded than his predecessors," the story noted.

Timothy Flanigan, a former Barr colleague at the Justice Department, described Barr's independent streak, saying, "If Bill starts getting the tweet treatment, Bill is a tough guy. He's a tough, tough guy. Not that Jeff Sessions wasn't, but I don't think Bill's just going to sit there and take it. I think he would make sure that the president understood that it is not really a smart thing to be lambasting the attorney general."

Now, Barr is being cast by the liberal cable channels and others as an unscrupulous political hack attached to the president's leash. On CBS's "60 Minutes" on Sunday, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said that Barr "may be white-washing" his summary of the report. Such accusations represent an unlikely turn of events for a 68-year-old professional with an impeccable record and a career more behind him than in front of him.

For Fox News devotees in southern Ohio and other Trump strongholds, nothing from the Mueller investigation has provided cause to waver from their preferred news source. Meanwhile, even regular viewers of CNN and MSNBC must recognize the straws being grasped to justify sticking with a conspiracy

theory that has been largely debunked — although the expected release of Mueller's report this week will probably provide just enough juice for one last effort.

After two years of conjecture from all sides, some hard truths have emerged. Russia did try to influence the 2016 election. Neither Trump nor his campaign conspired with Russia. The president's actions did not rise to criminal obstruction of justice. And how and why this all began may well turn out to be the most troubling story of all.

During his confirmation hearing in January, Barr told senators, "I am not going to do anything that I think is wrong, and I will not be bullied into doing anything I think is wrong. By anybody. Whether it be editorial boards, or Congress or the president. I'm going to do what I think is right." Observers at the time took Barr's comments as reassurance of his independence from Trump, but in hindsight it should be noted that he mentioned editorial boards and Congress first.

Barr's career does not paint a portrait of someone who chases tin-foil-hat conspiracies. There's enough evidence in the public record to raise valid suspicions that the FBI's investigation of the Trump campaign was motivated not by real concerns about national security, but rather by a loathing of the candidate. And though new facts may emerge in the full, redacted report, they won't change the larger truth. It would behoove serious journalists to put aside their political biases and delve into a story that might actually be worthy of Watergate comparisons — even if it includes the painful admission that Fox News has been right all along.

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## EDITORIALS

# A sabotaged chance at peace

There was going to be a peace conference in Libya. Then other countries encouraged an attack on Tripoli.

AFTER YEARS of turmoil in Libya, United Nations envoys believed they were on the verge of striking a deal this month that would have brought the country's factions together at a conference to agree on a unified government and a plan for elections. Then Khalifa Hifter, a 75-year-old warlord who aspires to become Libya's next dictator, launched an offensive against the capital, Tripoli, that ruptured the peace process and may lead to another devastating Arab civil war.

What prompted Mr. Hifter to conclude he should seek military victory rather than compromise? In the past few days, the answer has gradually become clear: His offensive has been egged on and materially supported by Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. These Arab governments and Russia have deliberately sabotaged an international effort that had the support of the European Union, the African Union and the United States, in addition to U.N. Secretary General António Guterres.

Mr. Hifter has had backing from these outside powers, as well as from France, for years, even as he

consolidated control over eastern Libya and established a rival regime to the U.N.-backed government in Tripoli. But days before launching his latest offensive, the self-styled general visited Saudi Arabia, where he was promised millions of dollars in aid to pay for the operation, according to a report in the Wall Street Journal. The money, meant to pay off tribal leaders and recruit new fighters, represents another reckless gamble by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who has already launched a disastrous intervention in Yemen as well as failed attempts to subjugate the Lebanese and Qatari governments.

On Sunday, Mr. Hifter got an explicit endorsement from Egyptian President Abdel Fatah al-Sissi, whom he met in Cairo. Mr. Sissi had returned only days earlier from visiting President Trump at the White House, but he showed no hesitation in contradicting U.S. demands that Mr. Hifter end his attack.

For now, the attempt to install Mr. Hifter in Tripoli doesn't look likely to succeed. The offensive has had the effect of rallying otherwise fractious

Libyan forces; hardened militia men from other cities have poured into the area to stop the invasion. Mr. Hifter's supporters point out that the resisters include extremist elements on a U.N. sanctions list. But then, Mr. Hifter's forces include war criminals and exponents of the Saudi brand of religious fundamentalism.

The most likely result of the fighting is more needless suffering for Libyans, thousands of whom have already been displaced by the fighting. The flow of refugees across the Mediterranean to Europe could increase, and the Islamic State, which the United States spent years working to defeat in Libya, could revive. All this thanks to the meddling of Arab governments that the Trump administration portrays as its close allies and cooperative partners in the region.

Mr. Trump often complains of U.S. clients who accept Washington's aid and protection, only to take advantage of its fecklessness. Should he care to look, he could find an excellent example of that unfolding in Libya.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I've had measles. You don't want it.

I was lying on my back, looking up at the ceiling through a plastic sheet. My parents were standing in the doorway. I was crying because they wouldn't come to me.

It was 1947, and the scene was Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. I was slightly older than 1 year old, and that sheet of plastic was an oxygen tent. There was no measles vaccine then. I was in the hospital because I had measles and developed pneumonia. I nearly died. This scene is my earliest memory. Vivid memory before age 2 is unusual, but when it occurs, it usually is because of a traumatic event.

I've read about the resurgence of measles ["Don't blame measles," editorial, April 8]. I accept the scientific findings about the safety and efficacy of vaccines, but set that aside. Here's a different question for parents: What is the earliest memory you would like for your child to have? I hope it is not the same one that I have.

Mary L. Corn, Falls Church

## Chilling indeed

Regarding Margaret Sullivan's cautionary admonition to fellow journalists, free-speech advocates, whistleblowers and others around the world, "The chilling effect of the Assange charges" [Style, April 12]:

While it is true that the legal basis for Julian Assange's alleged crime in this particular gray-colored case is skillfully and narrowly drawn, the chilling effect such a highly publicized case will have on free-speech rights, here and abroad, is far-reaching.

Indeed, it will open the jurisprudential door to even more prosecutorial abuse and governmental legal threats under even more laws in even more countries. Our Justice Department is giving authoritarian and nationalistic leaders everywhere more legal tools to silence those who are trying to act in the public interest and do the right thing.

I hope The Post is gearing up to provide its journalists legal protection needed to continue their fundamental mission to tell the unvarnished truth.

Keith Henderson, Washington

## A path to the full Mueller report

Philip Allen Lacovara and Laurence H. Tribe's April 9 Tuesday Opinion essay, "Want the full Mueller report? Open impeachment hearings.," claimed that no exception to Rule 6(e) allows release of grand jury material to the House Judiciary Committee as long as the House speaker disapproves inquiry into President Trump's possible impeachment. We disagree.

Rule 6(e) was amended in 2002 to permit "an attorney for the government [to] . . . disclose any grand-jury matter involving . . . a threat of attack or other grave hostile acts of a foreign power . . . to any appropriate federal . . . official, for the purpose of preventing or responding to such threat or activities."

This exception allows transmission by a government attorney, without court intervention, of the Mueller report and its underlying evidence to the House committee. The attorney general is "an attorney for the government." Any Russian meddling in our 2016 elections and beyond involves "grave hostile acts of a foreign power." Any attempted coverup of Russian meddling "involves" the meddling and thus also falls within the exception. Members of the House committee are "appropriate federal officials" to receive grand jury material given their responsibility to "prevent or respond to" the Russian meddling and any coverup thereof through the committee's historical jurisdiction over impeachment of federal officials and civil and criminal proceedings generally.

Grand jury secrecy is a nonissue in this case and should not stand in the way of disclosure of the full Mueller report and its underlying evidence to the House Judiciary Committee.

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## Looking right at Israel

Congress should heed the call from Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) and Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-Va.) and oppose Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policies toward the Palestinians ["Congress cannot afford to look the other way on Israel," op-ed, April 11]. From 1968 to 1971, I was a U.S. vice consul in Jerusalem. Then-Prime Minister Golda Meir and other Israeli leaders were ambivalent about the West Bank. My senior colleagues and I urged the U.S. government to oppose tentative Israeli efforts to establish Jewish settlements in the West Bank and a greatly expanded East Jerusalem. Unfortunately, our advice was unheeded.

Since then, successive U.S. administrations have sent Israel mixed messages. U.S. administrations cautioned that settlements "undermined chances for peace," but U.S. leaders did little to indicate they meant it. Congress generally looked the other way. It is good that two members of Congress have spoken out clearly against Mr. Netanyahu's actions. We should remember, however, that while Likud prime ministers have been especially aggressive toward the Palestinians, settlements were also begun and continued under Labor governments.

Kenneth Longmyer, Falls Church

Sen. Chris Van Hollen and Rep. Gerald E. Connolly claimed that the policies of the pending right-leaning government in Israel "undermine basic Palestinian human rights." The Israeli government guarantees the basic human rights of all its citizens, including its Arab Palestinian citizens, and to the extent practical to the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

Israel is not "allowing the forcible removal of Arabs from their homes" or "sanctioning violence against Palestinians." Israel demolishes the homes of Arab terrorists, a policy tested in Israeli courts. Neither Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu nor the potential coalition partners advocate lawless violence against Arabs. Rather, they advocate measures to protect Israel that sometimes require the army and the use of force.

Mr. Van Hollen and Mr. Connolly accuse Mr. Netanyahu of ruining the hope for a two-state solution without addressing any of the complexities that truly obstruct the two-state solution, namely Hamas and the Palestinian Authority.

We should wish Mr. Netanyahu and the Trump administration continued success for taking bold steps to support Israel's security and sovereignty, recognize reality and empower the Sunni states willing to end the conflict with Israel.

Asher Weinberg, Silver Spring

TOM TOLES



ence's Postwar Elite," a book about the group, documented their early work on thorny problems arising from the nuclear weapons age, such as the test ban and questions about defense against ballistic missiles. In later years, the Jasons broadened out; by the end of the 1980s, members included computer scientists, astronomers, geoscientists, mathematicians, materials scientists, engineers and oceanographers. The 1990s brought more attention to biology and cybersecurity. Many of the group's studies are classified, but some are public. Ms. Finkbeiner says the name Jasons was conferred by Mildred Goldberger,

wife of founding member Murph Goldberger, after the Greek myth, because she thought of the advisers as golden heroes.

Today's technology enigmas are no less daunting than those of the 1960s: climate change, antibiotic resistance, cybersecurity, genetic engineering, privacy and more. It is wrong-headed to jettison a brain-trust like the Jasons. The scientists serve out of a sense of duty to the nation. The United States imprudently abolished the Office of Technology Assessment two decades ago. It shouldn't make a similar mistake now.

# The world weeps for Notre Dame

The fire leaves an untreatable wound — for the French and for millions of visitors who have gaped at its wonders.

THE SOUL of a city resides in its structures as well as in its history and people, so it is no overstatement to say that what Paris was losing Monday was not just an architectural icon but a piece of its soul. As much as the Eiffel Tower, and for well more than half a millennium longer, the Cathedral of Notre Dame has stood stolid and graceful at the very heart of the City of Light, a beacon for people of every country, drawn for centuries to its magnificent Gothic portico.

The fire consuming Notre Dame leaves an untreatable wound — for Parisians, first and foremost; for the French; and for the countless millions of visitors who have stood gaping from every angle at the old cathedral's flying buttresses, its elegant spire, the sublime festival of light admitted by its 13th century stained glass rose windows. Its transcendent, timeless beauty acted as a magnet: It was difficult to look away. Now it will be painful to take in the ruins without



The Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris on Monday.

averting one's gaze.

The cathedral's magnetic effect was a concentrated version of Paris's own. A quarter of a century ago,

## LOCAL OPINIONS

### The lottery is a state-sponsored vice

Mitch Daniels's April 10 Wednesday Opinion essay, "States keep playing people for suckers," reminded me of how disappointed I was when Maryland outlawed slot machines prevalent in barrooms. I was very young in the late 1950s and early 1960s and loved playing them with my dad. The slots ban was a moral issue because poor people were pouring money into slot machines instead of buying groceries or shoes for the kids. Evidently, that was worse than spending the money on the beer and cigarettes that were consumed in these places.

By the time of my first job, we were introduced to the Maryland Lottery. On payday, we stood in line for our pay envelopes containing cash. Each employee was asked how many lottery tickets he would like. Men who were earning \$4 an hour would invest

an hour's worth of their labor. Now we have scratch-offs, nightly drawings, multistate megadrawings and casinos, with sports betting to follow. Morality is now defined by who benefits from the vice. Regardless of how it is promoted, gambling benefits the state.

Then, as now, the lottery was touted as a critically needed source of funds for our schools, police and fire departments. Gambling is as exploitative and immoral as it was when I sat in Walker's Tavern outside Baltimore and dropped nickels into a slot machine. Barkeeps and mobsters made no pretenses about the slot money that went into their pockets. But they did not present it as anything other than what it was: another vice to separate people from their money.

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# Trump’s war on numbers

It’s not enough that President Trump and his advisers have been arguing for years that official government data is bad, untrustworthy, phony, manipulated for political gain. Now they are working to lend credence to these smears and conspiracy theories — by making them true.

Unless, that is, the Supreme Court intervenes.

During the Obama administration, Trump repeatedly claimed that official numbers released by our independent federal statistical agencies — such as the unemployment rate — were fake. Legions of career civil servants were all cooking the books to make Democrats look better, he claimed. Trump’s economic advisers and boosters (including Stephen Moore and Herman Cain, whom Trump now plans to nominate for the Federal Reserve Board) joined in the baseless conspiracy theorizing. As did some other high-profile Obama critics who should have known better.

Troublingly, it turns out a lot of other Americans are on board with this numerical nihilism. In a poll last fall from Market-place and Edison Research, about 4 in 10 Americans said they either completely or somewhat distrust data about the economy reported by the federal government.

And since Trump has taken office, he has worked to justify such distrust by actively degrading the quality of data — specifically, by seeking to make the 2020 Census less accurate.

The Trump administration wants to add, at the last minute, a new question to the census. I say “last minute” because usually new survey questions go through years of research, field-testing and public comment, as required by law and federal regulations.

This is to make sure that, among other things, any changes will not disrupt the accuracy of an enumeration mandated by the Constitution.

“It’s pretty well known that when you change the context of a data-collection instrument, unexpected things can happen,” said John Thompson, a former director of the U.S. Census Bureau. “The only way to understand what’s going on is to test it.”

The question the administration wants to shoehorn in without this process turns out to be particularly disruptive: It asks about citizenship. Given rising levels of government distrust among immigrant and ethnic minority populations, the question could be reasonably expected to depress response rates among these groups and lead to significant undercounts or otherwise inaccurate data.

In fact, in unrelated survey testing in 2017, respondents told census workers that they fear how their data might be

used against them or their loved ones. They expressed concerns about the “Muslim ban,” anxiety over “registering” household members and the dissolution of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. Some falsified their names, birth dates and other demographic information.

Despite such warning signs, as well as an explicit recommendation *against* inclusion of a citizenship question by experts within the Census Bureau and six former bureau directors appointed by Republicans and Democrats alike, the Trump administration barreled ahead.

Three federal courts have so far blocked the question, finding that the administration violated administrative law. Two of those courts also found it violated the Constitution. Next week, the issue heads to the Supreme Court.

So what happens if the Supreme Court sides with the Trump administration instead?

In the near term, the consequences could be severe. Hundreds of billions of dollars are allocated annually based on the decennial census. Congressional seats are apportioned, and districts are redrawn. Perhaps not coincidentally, blue states are likely to be the biggest losers in both dollar terms and political representation if, as expected, this new survey question results in significant undercounts of immigrant and Latino populations.

The decennial census data is also the baseline against which virtually all other surveys are calibrated. Which means that whatever its motives, the administration’s innumeracy is likely to skew all sorts of other critical information that government agencies use to evaluate economic trends and health epidemics; that businesses rely on to decide how much to invest and hire and where; and that workers and families use to determine where to live, what to study, how much to spend on a home.

Even giving the public reason to believe the numbers have been either manipulated or mismanaged will cause people and businesses to make worse choices. Just like the Fed — and other apolitical institutions Trump has been working to sabotage — our statistical agencies must be free of political influence both in practice and perception to be useful.

And that’s the longer-term risk here. One basis of a democracy — not to mention a healthy economy — is good official statistics so that the people and their representatives can make informed decisions. By throwing the numbers into doubt, the administration jeopardizes our democratic and economic health, not only today, but for many years to come.

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# What really caused the financial crisis?

It is astonishing that, even though the global financial crisis occurred a decade ago, we do not yet have a clear and convincing explanation of its basic cause. To be sure, theories abound. Liberals blame Wall Street greed and lax government oversight. The conservatives’ villain is the government’s aggressive promotion of homeownership, which flooded the economy with bad mortgages.

Although these ideological explanations have some merit, the real story is more complicated and perverse. What ultimately caused the financial crisis was the economy’s very success. We had, it seemed, entered a new era of less risk. Believing this, Americans embraced more-risky behaviors which, once shunned, suddenly seemed justified by widespread optimism.

The paradox is plain: The faith that economic risk had declined inspired more risk-taking, because it seemed safe.

What prompts these thoughts is a new book, “Firefighting: The Financial Crisis and Its Lessons,” by Ben S. Bernanke, Timothy F. Geithner and Henry M. Paulson Jr. You’ll recall that these three were major players in halting the crisis. Bernanke was head of the Federal Reserve, Paulson was President George W. Bush’s treasury secretary, and Geithner was President Barack Obama’s treasury secretary.

The book is a CliffsNotes for the crisis. The 129-page text provides a lucid chronology, followed by nearly 100 pages of charts and tables. The authors no doubt hope that their narrative buttresses their reputations. Still, most of their analysis rings true, with one glaring exception: their theory of what created the crisis.

Here’s one passage, “The story of how the crisis happened is . . . about risky leverage, runnable funding, shadow banking, rampant securitization, and outdated regulation.” A rough translation: Lenders lent too much, borrowers borrowed too much, and arcane financial instruments stymied regulators from stopping the process.

This is the conventional wisdom. It’s also wrong, because it mistakes the crisis’s consequences for its underlying cause. The cause lay in the delusional beliefs that the economy had changed so much that practices that in the past would have been considered risky were no longer so.

Everyone drank the Kool-Aid, so to speak. Economists argued that the business cycle had smoothed. They called this the Great Moderation. Recessions would be shorter and less severe than in the past. This seemed to be confirmed by the de-

cade-long expansion in the 1990s, the longest in U.S. history.

Another positive sign was the decline of double-digit inflation from 13 percent in 1980 to about 4 percent in 1982 — a success rightly attributed to then-Fed Chairman Paul Volcker and President Ronald Reagan. This calmed nerves and triggered huge increases in stocks, bonds and home values. In the 1980s, household net worth roughly doubled to \$21.6 trillion, according to Fed data. In the 1990s, it doubled again to \$42.8 trillion.

In turn, all this wealth creation fueled a consumption boom. Feeling richer, Americans saved less of their paychecks and borrowed more against inflated home values and investment portfolios. From 1980 to 2000, consumption spending rose from 61 percent of the economy’s output (gross domestic product) to 66 percent. In today’s dollars, that’s \$1 trillion in added consumer spending.

There were other favorable omens. Or so it seemed. Global trade was strong. America was in the midst of a vast technological upheaval around Internet technologies. Why not be optimistic about the future? It’s true that lenders lent too much and that borrowers borrowed too much, but the excesses were the new normal and could be rationalized in an economy that stayed close to full employment. Ever-rising housing prices would protect lenders, because defaults would be covered by selling the homes.

And the mania extended well beyond housing. “If every subprime mortgage holder defaulted, the losses would be modest and easily absorbed,” says the Bernanke-Geithner-Paulson book. The trouble was that the whole financial system was caught up in a frenzy. Vast sums were to be made in many markets. Banks, borrowers, economists and regulators were all deceived by the same destructive optimism.

If greed (the liberals’ villain) or regulatory mischief (the conservatives’) were the chief cause of the crisis, then reform should be fairly easy. In their book, Bernanke, Geithner and Paulson make some sensible suggestions to reduce the odds of a future financial crisis and to handle it if one does occur. Many, if not most, of these proposals should be adopted.

But we should be realistic. The lesson of the financial crisis is that it wasn’t just the product of overzealous regulators or greedy capitalists. They played a role, but the larger role was played by the convergence of many forces that we understand only in retrospect and can control only with difficulty.



Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) in New York on April 5.

CHARLES LANE

# Surprising honesty in Sanders’s plan

Bernie Sanders’s Medicare-for-all proposal would transform health insurance in the United States, and you don’t have to read very far into the bill he released last week to understand just how far-reaching, and politically controversial, the change would be.

In its first few pages, well before you get to the part about zero co-pay coverage for “oral health,” Sanders announces that he would abrogate two long-standing compromises woven into the current patchwork of public and private insurance.

And we’re not talking — yet — about how Sanders would raise taxes to pay for the plan’s multitrillion-dollar cost, or how it would effectively end private insurance while empowering the secretary of Health and Human Services to make decisions about cost containment and coverage that are now more decentralized, for better or worse.

Section 102, on Page 4 of the bill, labeled “UNIVERSAL ENTITLEMENT,” conditions eligibility on “residency” in the United States — not “legal residency” — and leaves it up to the secretary of health and human services to define what counts as “residency.” Section 104, “NON-DISCRIMINATION,” on Page 5, bars exclusion from services “on the basis of . . . related medical conditions (including termination of pregnancy).”

A Sanders spokesperson confirmed via email that these provisions mean inclusion of undocumented immigrants in Medicare-for-all, in contrast to current law’s ban on participation by the undocumented in Obamacare exchanges, and that the legislation would end the existing prohibition on federal funding of abortion.

The latter prohibition, known as the Hyde Amendment, was first passed in 1976, though it was modified in 1994 to exempt abortion in cases of rape or incest, or to save a mother’s life.

It would seem to be only a matter of time before Republicans begin attacking Medicare-for-all — which is backed not only by Sanders but also by many other Democrats, including some rivals for the presidential nomination — for guaranteeing so-called illegal aliens taxpayer-funded dentist visits, while enshrining abortion-on-demand at public expense.

Radical as all that may seem, though, Sanders actually is just advocating explicitly what the country already does indirectly.

The undocumented receive billions of dollars’ worth of health care, either through employer-paid (and tax-break-subsidized) insurance or at public expense. In 2016, the Wall Street Journal found that, of the 25 U.S. counties with the largest unauthorized immigrant populations, 20 “pay for the low-income uninsured to have doctor visits,

shots, prescription drugs, lab tests and surgeries at local providers,” without regard to immigration status.

Meanwhile, the 1986 Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act requires all Medicare-participating hospitals to treat patients in their emergency rooms, regardless of whether they have insurance. Accordingly, undocumented immigrants flock to ERs, with the unreimbursed cost passed along to everyone else.

As for abortion, money is fungible, so one way or another, the \$563.8 million that Planned Parenthood received from federal, state and local governments in fiscal 2018 frees up resources within that organization that can be used for pregnancy terminations — even if the funding streams are kept separate for purposes of the Hyde Amendment or similar state laws. In that sense, the Hyde Amendment is a bit of a fiction.

To be sure, the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act’s creation of a de facto statutory right to health care, at least in the ER, undercuts Sanders’s moralistic rhetoric about finally making “health care a human right.” If he were being precise, he would say he wants to make health insurance — and super-generous insurance at that — a human right.

Even more precisely: a human right for people who live more or less permanently in the United States, with or without legal authorization, but not so-called medical tourists from abroad just popping in to the United States from overseas to get free services. His bill authorizes the HHS secretary to define residency in such a way as to prevent that form of system-gaming. Good luck!

On the whole, though, Sanders’s bill is more internally consistent than the existing system. People are people, it proclaims, and health care is health care.

The very fact that this might be a political weakness is a reminder that ours is not a society like the European ones that established national health systems decades ago, on the basis of social solidarity, which was, in turn, a function of ethnic and religious homogeneity.

Health insurance in the United States is, in the oft-used phrase, “fragmented,” because America itself is fragmented, along lines both legitimate (religious conscience, region, federalism) and illegitimate (race).

Our system, with its improvised accommodations for Roman Catholic and other religious believers, and its mishmash of rules regarding who, exactly, belongs to the American community, reflects that.

Sanders’s plan would substitute criteria that are in many ways more honest and, as such, disruptive.

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## Notre Dame will rise again

“You still haven’t seen Notre Dame’s west facade,” we tease my dad. The first time my mom, an art historian and Gothic architecture obsessive, took us to Paris’s iconic cathedral, the front was covered in scaffolding, as workers painstakingly removed years of accumulated grime. My mom, my sister and I visited the lightened edifice years later. My dad had to work. We rub it in.

Uncovered on the cathedral’s facade were the 28 kings of Judah. Mistaken for old French monarchs, they were beheaded and removed during the tumult of the French Revolution. New versions were installed in the 19th century. Human ingenuity built Notre Dame. Human folly has marred it. Human reverence for the old and the beautiful has rescued it — before, anyway.

We walked on the roof to observe the church’s profuse decoration more closely. The centuries had turned the rooftop’s statues bright green, the sign of copper that has been thoroughly oxidized.

On Monday, another unstoppable chemical reaction engulfed the roof — and who knows how much more of the structure. How much exists now only in memory? French officials gave varying accounts Monday evening of how much damage the fire might do.

Why do humans react to the destruction of old things with such emotion? The Islamic State’s brutalization of the ancient city of Palmyra evoked as much or more sorrow as the deaths of countless Syrians. The looting of ancient Mesopotamian treas-

ures became a symbol of post-invasion anarchy in Iraq.

Old buildings symbolize the notion that not everything must end. This is the promise of many religions, a hope that centuries of worshipers who gathered inside Notre Dame shared. But even fervent atheists can feel the desire for continuity in an ever-evolving universe that seems indifferent to them. When old things burn, we restore them, even if those are not the real 28 kings.

This makes a place such as Notre Dame an ambivalent monument to persistence. It is a collection of additions, restorations, replacements — each representing humanity’s unwillingness to let this piece of history erode away. The drive to make the building, at once authentic and inauthentic, seem like a firmer connection to the past made it worth the effort.

Notre Dame is not dead. The cathedral will rise again. But somehow the cathedral will not be quite as alive as it once was. I did not realize until Monday how much I was looking forward to taking my future children to the church and pointing at its incredible rose windows. Or maybe I would have had to work, and they would have made me regret not sharing that moment with them.

I do not know yet if the stained glass is gone. I hope not. I want the experience of connecting my children to the past, and my past. How we deal with the world’s inescapable impermanence underpins human culture. As Notre Dame burns, so does a piece of our ability to relate to the past, and the future.

EUGENE ROBINSON

# Lying to Make America White Again

The Trump administration has manufactured and exacerbated an immigration “crisis” to further the president’s most consistent goal: to Make America White Again.

Tens of thousands of Central American asylum seekers, even hundreds of thousands, do not constitute a serious crisis — not for a continent-spanning nation of 330 million, a nation built through successive waves of immigration. The migrants have severely taxed and at times overwhelmed the systems at the border that must process and adjudicate their claims for refuge, but this is a simple matter of resources. We need more border agents, more immigration judges, more housing.

President Trump, however, treats the migrant surge like an existential threat. “We can’t take you anymore. We can’t take you. Our country is full,” he said this month at the border in California. But, of course, our vast nation is anything but full. Instead of “can’t,” what Trump really means is “won’t.”

On almost any issue you can think of, Trump is all over the map. But there is one position on which he has never wavered: antipathy toward nonwhite immigration. From his campaign charge that Mexican immigrants are “rapists,” to his fruitless quest to get funding for a border wall, to his gratuitously cruel policy of family separations, to his declaration of a national emergency, Trump has left not an iota of doubt about how he feels.

To be sure, sometimes the president uses anti-immigration rhetoric to inflame his base. But unlike with other issues, Trump seems actually to believe his demagoguery about would-be Latino migrants.

The administration acts as if it considers the asylum seekers to be less than human. What other conclusion can be drawn, after thousands of young children were taken from their parents and shipped to detention centers far away, as a deterrent to others who might seek entry? How else can anyone characterize the notion — now under active consideration, according to the White House — of transporting migrants hundreds or thousands of miles, not out of necessity but simply so they can be released in “sanctuary cities” and the districts of Trump’s political opponents?

That last Bond-villain idea is apparently the brainchild of White House adviser Stephen Miller, who seems to be the closest thing Trump has to an operational chief of staff — someone who shares his vision, however warped, and will move heaven and earth to bring it to life.

Miller’s history as an anti-immigration zealot goes back to his time as an aide to then-Sen. Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.), who became Trump’s first attorney general. It is no exaggeration to say that Sessions, both in the Senate and in the Cabinet, was obsessed with reducing immigration, legal as well as illegal. Sessions is gone from the administration, but Miller remains, and clearly he has Trump’s ear.

Trump has said that the countries from which asylum seekers and economic migrants are fleeing are not sending “their best” people, and that entry should be based on “merit,” not on family connections. That would be a complete departure from the immigration policies that allowed Trump’s and Miller’s forebears to come to this country, but it sounds debatable — until you take into account Trump’s other remarks. He has reportedly disparaged nonwhite countries with a vulgar epithet and expressed a preference for immigrants from places like Norway, which happens to be one of the whitest countries on the planet. In the context of immigration policy, he has regaled crowds with the story — likely apocryphal — of his friend “Jim,” who used to go to Paris all the time but doesn’t anymore because “Paris is no longer Paris.”

Trump isn’t talking about gridlocked traffic on the Boulevard Peripherique. He’s talking about the black and brown immigrants who are changing the city’s complexion.

Does Trump seek political gain by stoking white Americans’ fears of the “browning” of the United States due to Latino immigration? Absolutely. But if his racism were purely situational — like his professed commitment to fiscal responsibility, or his supposed social conservatism — he would depart from it occasionally. And he doesn’t.

He might at least feign compassion for men, women and children who risk their lives to flee deadly violence at home. Instead, Trump cut off aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, the countries from which most of the asylum seekers are coming. He does not comfort or embrace. He seeks only to punish.

The real crisis is that we have a president who wants to put up a “No Vacancies” sign for nonwhite immigrants — just like the “No Coloreds” signs I used to see in the Jim Crow South.

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Vladimir N. Pregelj, 91, the foreman of the first Watergate grand jury, understands the burden of working in secret for years on a high-profile probe.

## A burdensome public duty

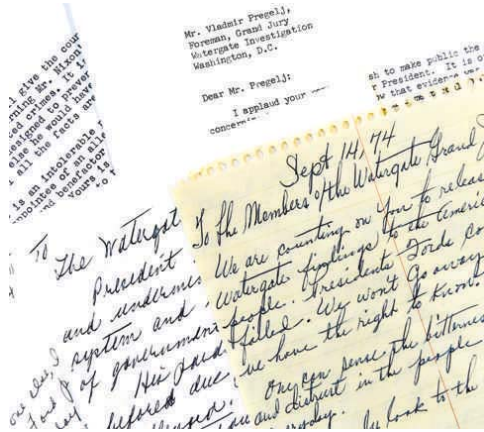
BY SPENCER S. HSU

Like millions of Americans, Vladimir N. Pregelj has waited to learn more about the special counsel's report.

But as few others can, the foreman of Watergate grand jury No. 1 understands the burden of working in secret for years on a high-profile investigation involving a president.

At 91, he still lives in the Capitol Hill townhouse he resided in 45 years ago, when he commuted to court to hear evidence in a special prosecutor's investigation of Richard M. Nixon and the coverup of his campaign's break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters.

Pregelj, a retired Library of Congress researcher, is tight-lipped about President Trump.



Pregelj kept letters addressed to him and Watergate grand jury No. 1 during and after their term.

But of the work behind closed doors by special counsel Robert S. Mueller III, he said, "In my citizen's heart I feel the information gathered by the grand jury should be made public."

Pregelj stands behind a letter he wrote to Nixon on behalf of the grand jury summoning — futilely — a president to testify in person before his fellow citizens.

"If we have to find out what happened, if anyone was involved, that should have come out, as far as Nixon was concerned," Pregelj said. As for Trump, he said with a smile, "I'm not on [this] grand jury."

Under threat of impeachment proceedings, Nixon resigned in August 1974.

"I was in a sense disappointed, because I thought with all the

SEE FOREMAN ON B4

## Northam to forgo college speeches

SKIPS EVENT AT VMI, HIS ALMA MATER

Blackface scandal has Va. governor lying low

BY LAURA VOZZELLA

RICHMOND — Gov. Ralph Northam (D) has bowed out of plans to serve as commencement speaker at Virginia Military Institute, his alma mater, and will not participate in any other graduation ceremonies due to lingering controversy over his blackface scandal.

The governor's spokeswoman confirmed that the state's top politician will steer clear of graduation ceremonies throughout the commonwealth this commencement season.

Her announcement Monday, first reported by the Roanoke Times, came one day after Northam abruptly backed out of an appearance at a Burke fundraiser for state Sen. David W. Marsden (D-Fairfax).

SEE NORTHAM ON B5

## Washington Monument reopening delayed

BY MICHAEL E. RUANE

The reopening of the Washington Monument, scheduled for this spring, has been delayed because of the presence of possibly contaminated underground soil, the National Park Service said Monday.

The soil "is below the ground surface and poses no risk to public health," spokesman Mike Litterst said in a statement.

"The soil in question was likely introduced in the 1880s as the monument was being completed," he said. "Due to the necessary mitigation efforts, the reopening of the Washington Monument is now expected to take place in August."

Officials could not immediately say what the possible contamination might be.

The monument has been closed since August 2016 for the construction of a new visitor screening facility and modernization of

SEE MONUMENT ON B5

## 'Sanctuary cities' ploy by the president won't work



Petula Dvorak

Bring it on, Mr. President. Bring on the tired, the poor, the huddled masses. We're America, remember?

From Portland to New York to suburban Maryland, people who live in the "sanctuary cities" where President Trump is threatening to send border crossers aren't having the reaction he envisioned.

Let's check in not far from the White House, in the heart of downtown Silver Spring. It's not an incorporated city, so it isn't an official sanctuary city. But it's in immigrant-friendly Montgomery County, which has a policy "not to inquire about anyone's immigration status, nor does the County conduct any immigration

enforcement or investigations."

On one corner in Silver Spring, there were the Hare Krishnas, drumming and chanting and giving lollipops to anyone who would stop and listen to the story of Swami Prabhupada. On another corner, there was an evening palm procession by a largely Latino church congregation. Across the street, two buskers from Hyattsville played their brass horns, a group of Asian American skaters did tricks, and I and another white mom from Capitol Hill waited for our kids and their multicultural group of friends to finish their movie.

"This is who we are, right here. We've got Ethiopian people, people from south of the border, people like me, born and raised here," said the trumpeter, Jay

SEE DVORAK ON B2

## Charges are dropped in Trump aide confrontation

BY DAN MORSE

Prosecutors in Maryland dropped criminal charges against a woman accused of accosting White House counselor Kellyanne Conway over her political views at a Mexican restaurant in Bethesda.

In a brief court appearance Monday morning, Montgomery County Assistant State's Attorney Kathy Knight said the office will not move forward on one count of second-degree assault and another of disorderly conduct that were filed five months ago by Montgomery County police.

At that time, police alleged that Mary Elizabeth Inabinett, 63, of Chevy Chase had been at Uncle Julio's when she approached Conway from behind, grabbed her shoulders briefly and yelled, "Shame on you!" among other

statements. The altercation resulted in Inabinett being removed from the restaurant, according to court documents, and followed a series of incidents in the D.C. area where aides to President Trump were taunted and heckled in public.

A trial had been scheduled to begin Monday. Conway and Inabinett were not in court before Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Robert A. Greenberg.

In dismissing charges, prosecutors essentially declared that even if they could prove the case, Inabinett would not merit the types of punishment that could flow from a conviction.

She had no previous criminal record, did not injure Conway and agreed to apologize in a letter to Conway, according to Montgomery State's Attorney John Mc-

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## Md. school system gives update on assault case

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE AND DAN MORSE

School officials in suburban Maryland will hire an outside firm to help in an investigation of reporting practices and supervision issues following a sexual assault case involving football players who allegedly attacked four of their teammates with a broomstick at Damascus High School.

Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent Jack Smith described the move in a letter to Damascus families that included an update on the school system's internal review and on a broader inquiry by prosecutors after the Oct. 31 incident.

The case, which has roiled the nationally regarded school system, has raised questions about the culture of sports teams and

the procedures used by coaches and administrators to report sexual assaults at school.

Police initially charged six members of the junior-varsity football team as juveniles with rape, attempted rape or both. One case was quickly dropped. Another stayed in juvenile court. Cases against four of the boys were moved to adult court in late November before court hearings moved them back to juvenile court this year.

In Maryland, first-degree rape charges cover nonconsensual acts that involve the use of an object.

The letter from Smith, sent Sunday evening, echoed statements he has made in news briefings in recent months but offered details that were new to some parents.

Smith said the state's attorney's

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RETROPOLIS

# The Titanic’s heroic men — and the people who honor them 107 years later

BY GILLIAN BROCKELL

At 1 a.m. Monday, 17 men in tuxedos gathered around a monument in Washington’s Southwest Waterfront Park to honor a 107-year-old sacrifice. They are members of the Men’s Titanic Society, a private club of mostly retired broadcast newsmen who meet every year to pay tribute to the heroes who let women and children board the Titanic’s lifeboats first.

Inscribed on the memorial are the words: “To the brave men who perished in the Titanic, April 15, 1912. They gave their lives that women and children might be saved.”

Society members in their formalwear had eaten a dinner of filet mignon and potatoes — same as the last meal served in first class of the ship — before surrounding the memorial for cigars and champagne toasts. They were joined by about 50 onlookers, mostly from boys private schools in the area. They rang a bell, laid a wreath, and in their toasts “to these brave men,” several mentioned the “secluded,” “forgotten” spot where the memorial now sits.

It is such an odd location that a Washington resident, Jeff Comer, recently wrote to Ask The Post, “What is the story behind the Titanic memorial? How did it get

to be there, and can’t we find a better spot for it?”

At one time, there actually was a better spot for it. Until 1966, it was prominently displayed on the Potomac at New Hampshire Avenue; it was moved to its current location to make way for the Kennedy Center.

Fundraising for the memorial statue began soon after more than 1,500 were killed when the famous ship hit an iceberg in the North Atlantic and sank a few hours later. Women across the country donated to the Women’s Titanic Memorial Association. The statue was designed by heiress Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney and sculpted from granite by

John Horrigan, with a base from Henry Bacon, designer of the Lincoln Memorial.

(Whitney’s outstretched-arms design predates the “Titanic” movie’s famous “I’m flying, Jack!” scene by many decades, but director James Cameron has never said if he was inspired by it.)

It was finished by 1918 but remained in storage for more than a decade before it was installed at its original location. President Herbert Hoover and first lady Lou Hoover attended the unveiling ceremony in 1931.

The memorial’s heartfelt tribute to the men who sacrificed their lives isn’t hyperbole. In 2012, Swedish researchers found that

the concept of “women and children first” hasn’t been adhered to at all in maritime disasters — with the glaring exception of the Titanic. Of the passengers on board, 70 percent of women, but only 20 percent of the men, survived.

Five D.C. residents, all of them wealthy, were aboard the doomed vessel. Two survived — feminist and interior decorator Helen Churchill Candee and writer and historian Archibald Gracie.

As The Post’s Michael E. Ruane reported in 2012, Gracie initially went down with the ship, then swam to the surface, where he climbed onto an overturned lifeboat until being rescued. But he found the ordeal hard to move

past, both physically and emotionally, and he died less than eight months later, probably from diabetes complications brought on by the hyperthermia he endured on that fateful night.

Jim Silman, who founded the Men’s Titanic Society, still marvels at those who went down with the ship. At 91, he would have been a boy when the statue was first unveiled farther up the Potomac, but he doesn’t want it to be forgotten.

“Tell your friends about the memorial,” he told the crowd Monday morning. “Come out and spend a nice, quiet moment here thinking about these men.”

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MARYLAND

# Public pays respects to longtime speaker inside the State House’s rotunda

BY OVETTA WIGGINS

The roar of motorcycles replaced the solemn sounds of a lone bagpiper as a hearse carrying the casket of Michael E. Busch stopped on State Circle in Annapolis, just yards from the longtime Maryland House speaker’s reserved parking spot.

Current and former members of the Maryland General Assembly and their legislative staffers lined the brick walkway as the casket, draped in the Maryland flag, was carried by a half-dozen state police honor guardsmen into the State House and placed on a bier beneath the historic dome. In front of the casket was the glass-enclosed House of Delegates mace, a centuries-old staff that symbolizes that the House of Delegates is in session.

“While this marks the end of a significant chapter for Maryland, Speaker Busch now takes his rightful place in the rich legacy and proud history of this great state,” said Gov. Larry Hogan (R), who opened the brief ceremony. “Few have served Maryland with as much passion and dedication as Mike Busch did. And few will leave this earth as well-loved and esteemed as he was.”

Busch, 72, the longest-serving House speaker in Maryland’s history, died April 7, a day before the close of the General Assembly’s annual legislative session. He had been hospitalized for treatment of pneumonia after a follow-up procedure for a 2017 liver transplant.

“He was a champion for the people,” said former senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1986, the same year that Busch was elected to the House of Delegates.

Mikulski was joined at the microphone by U.S. Sen. Ben



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Cardin (D-Md.) and three of Busch’s top lieutenants in the House chamber, all of whom are potential successors: Democratic Dels. Dereck E. Davis (Prince George’s), Speaker Pro Tem Adrienne A. Jones (Baltimore County) and Maggie McIntosh (Baltimore City).

Busch’s daughters, Megan and Erin, sat on each side of their mother, Cynthia Abbott “Cindy” Busch, as the elected officials recounted the longtime speaker’s efforts to improve the Chesapeake Bay, increase funding for education and provide greater access to health care.

They lauded Michael Busch’s personal leadership style, calling him a “coach” who pushed the members of his “team,” the delegates, to work with integrity



**TOP: A mourner touches Michael E. Busch’s coffin. The House of Delegates speaker died April 7. ABOVE: Former U.S. senator Barbara A. Mikulski and Sen. Ben Cardin greet Busch’s family.**

and respect. Many lawmakers, such as state Sen. Melony G. Griffith (D-Prince George’s) and Del. Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk (D-Prince George’s), said after the ceremony that they wouldn’t be in their positions if Busch

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**Gov. Larry Hogan**

had not “seen something” in them that they didn’t see at the time.

McIntosh thanked Busch’s family for sharing him with the General Assembly and the state of Maryland.

“We know the job he loved most was being a father,” she said. “We heard about almost every game. We know every score you made. . . . You kept just fighting through an injury and kept returning to the sport you loved. That’s just the way your father lived his life.”

A massive “Thank you Speaker Busch” sign hung from a county government building in Annapolis. Busch, a former coach and teacher, represented Anne Arundel County and worked for its Department of Recreation and Parks as a youth athletics administrator for 39 years.

In his honor, Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman (D) has waived entrance fees for county parks for one week, beginning Monday. He

also gave all county employees four hours of administrative leave on either Monday or Tuesday to attend one of the public services.

“There is no way to measure how much Mike Busch did for Anne Arundel County,” Pittman said in a statement. “Sadness is the emotion that I and so many county residents are feeling at the passing of Speaker Busch, but gratitude is the message that we must convey.”

Those streaming into the State House to pay their final respects included hundreds who knew Busch for decades and others who recognized his name only from news articles or campaign literature.

Among them was Joanie Coleman-Casey, a longtime zoning enforcement manager in Anne Arundel, and Curtis Spencer, who wore a blue-and-white campaign T-shirt emblazoned with Busch’s name and his slogan: “Maryland Speaker, OUR delegate.”

Spencer, a community activist in Annapolis, said he and Busch coached basketball teams together. He volunteered for all of his campaigns.

Coleman-Casey said she never met Busch but respected his commitment to public service.

“He seemed to be someone who wanted to make things better and committed his life to trying to do that,” she said as she stood in line inside the rotunda for 40 minutes with dozens ahead of her.

Busch’s casket will lie in the State House until 10 a.m. Tuesday. Visitors can pay their respects until 7 p.m. Monday and again beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday. His funeral will begin at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Annapolis.

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PETULA DVORAK

# Welcoming immigrants? That’s hard for President Trump to understand.

DVORAK FROM B1

Carnegie, 37, who lives in Hyattsville, in neighboring Prince George’s County.

“These people who walk 2,000 miles to get to America? Let them in if they’re hard workers. And most of them are,” said Carnegie, after playing a round of “Baby Shark” for a giggling toddler in a stroller.

In this America, the arrival of migrants seeking asylum wouldn’t be a punishment, as Trump seems to think.

“He thinks it will be a really, really bad situation for our community, but he doesn’t know our community,” said Gustavo Torres, executive director of CASA Maryland, a group that is preparing to help any migrants who would be sent to sanctuary cities such as Hyattsville and nearby Takoma Park.

“We are who we are because of the diversity here,” said Torres, who is already hearing from people across the region who want to help host any migrants released from detention. “The state of Maryland welcomed the Germans and the Italians who came here so many years ago. It is part of our humanity. It is part of our DNA.”

“We know these people have made great contributions to our area,” he said. “And anyone else coming will make great contributions to these towns. And 15 years later, they will be proud to have stared down this tyranny.”

Hyattsville, just eight miles from the White House, voted to make itself a sanctuary city in 2017. That means it won’t turn undocumented residents over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement and works with immigrants to help them to get legal status.

“I was proud of our decision then, and I remain proud of our decision now,” said Candace Hollingsworth, mayor of Hyattsville.

She said she’s not surprised that Trump is continuing his “degrading and ill-informed attacks” on migrants from Central America, primarily women and children.

“Local government has always and will continue to stand in the gap to address the critical needs of our residents regardless of where they’re from, how they got here or how they may vote,” Hollingsworth said.

Neighboring Takoma Park, with its long history of liberal activism,



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**Jay Carnegie, 37, of Hyattsville plays for a toddler Saturday in downtown Silver Spring. “These people who walk 2,000 miles to get to America?” he said. “Let them in if they’re hard workers.”**

is walking that talk, too. It voted to become a sanctuary city more than three decades ago. And over the weekend, Mayor Kate Stewart fielded calls from residents already volunteering to open their homes and help any migrants who may be shipped to their town.

“One of the core principles of Takoma Park is helping families,” Stewart said. “So, of course, we’re ready to take them.”

Across the region, there are immigrants who hope they’ll be reunited with family members being held at the border. So it’s a little funny that this alleged threat may be the answer to their prayers.

But I couldn’t find anyone who would laugh at the irony here. Mostly, folks are shocked it’s come to this.

In that glorious cacophony of diversity in Silver Spring that night, I stood next to a 59-year-old African American woman born and raised in D.C. She comes here, she said, to enjoy all the different kinds of people, food, sights and sounds.

“People who come here blend in, they find work, they become Americans,” she said, sweeping her arm across the colorful scene.

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LOCAL DIGEST

THE DISTRICT

Police identify suspect in infant girl’s death

D.C. police have identified a suspect in the March beating death of a 3-month-old girl and are searching for the man, according to authorities.

Cornell Delvonte Holton, 25, has been charged in an arrest warrant with first-degree murder. Police did not describe the relationship, if any, between Holton and the infant.

The victim was identified as Skylar Newman of Southeast Washington. Police said that officers found her unconscious in a residence in the 4300 block of G Street SE on March 16 and that she died of blunt-force trauma at a hospital on March 19. The medical examiner ruled the death a homicide. A police report lists Holton as the person who called authorities.

— Peter Hermann

MARYLAND

Man, 19, fatally shot in Fort Washington

A 19-year-old man was fatally shot in Fort Washington, Prince George’s County police said Monday.

Timothy Rojas of Temple Hills was found outside suffering from a gunshot wound after officers were called to the 1500 block of Tucker Road at about 11 p.m. Friday, police said. He died at a hospital.

Detectives were still working to identify a suspect and motive but said they did not believe Rojas’s killing was random, police said.

— Lynh Bui

Speed limit restored on B-W Parkway

The speed limit along parts of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway has returned to 55 mph after it had been dropped to deal with a large number of potholes.

In early March, officials with the National Park Service, which manages the parkway, cut the speed limit to 40 mph between Route 197 and Route 32 to make sure drivers slowed because of the proliferation of potholes.

Some drivers had compared traveling along the parkway to “driving on Swiss cheese.”

— Dana Hedgpeth

VIRGINIA

Tree falls on home, killing woman, 78

A woman was killed and her husband was injured when a tree fell on their home while they were sleeping, authorities said.

The tree fell during a storm just before 2 a.m. Monday in Doyle Place in Stafford County, according to the county sheriff’s office. The identity of the woman, 78, was not released. Her 82-year-old husband was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive.

Sheriff’s office spokeswoman Amanda J. Vicinanza said the office “decided not to release the identification of the victim out of sensitivity to the family during this very traumatic time.”

— Dana Hedgpeth

LOTTERIES

Results from April 15

DISTRICT

Mid-Day Lucky Numbers: 2-6-7  
Mid-Day DC-4: 5-7-0-2  
Mid-Day DC-5: 5-8-7-9-0  
Lucky Numbers (Sun.): 6-4-5  
Lucky Numbers (Mon.): 5-8-1  
DC-4 (Sun.): 3-7-7-3  
DC-4 (Mon.): 4-5-1-0  
DC-5 (Sun.): 0-3-0-9-0  
DC-5 (Mon.): 2-5-4-1-8

MARYLAND

Mid-Day Pick 3: 7-7-0  
Mid-Day Pick 4: 9-0-3-1  
Night/Pick 3 (Sun.): 5-7-3  
Pick 3 (Mon.): 4-1-7  
Pick 4 (Sun.): 1-0-7-1  
Pick 4 (Mon.): 3-1-8-7  
Multi-Match: 7-9-11-12-35-39  
Match 5 (Sun.): 3-4-13-24-29 \*8  
Match 5 (Mon.): 7-11-16-25-27 \*37  
5 Card Cash: 8S-AC-4C-KH-6D

VIRGINIA

Day/Pick-3: 4-1-3  
Pick-4: 7-9-4-9  
Cash-5: 1-6-7-10-18  
Night/Pick-3 (Sun.): 3-6-6  
Pick-3 (Mon.): 6-9-6  
Pick-4 (Sun.): 2-7-1-9  
Pick-4 (Mon.): 8-8-4-7  
Cash-5 (Sun.): 6-7-9-17-22  
Cash-5 (Mon.): 5-11-14-22-27

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Cash 4 Life: 3-13-19-36-50 \*12  
Lucky for Life: 13-17-30-35-39 \*7

\*Bonus Ball    ‡Lucky Ball    †Cash Ball

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Electric utilities war against enemy No. 1 – squirrels



John Kelly’s Washington

Early in **Michael Hyland’s** career, when he worked with electric power crews in New Hampshire, word got back to him that a customer was upset after experiencing a

series of outages over a short period of time.

“As anyone would be,” said Hyland, now senior vice president of engineering services with the American Public Power Association (APPA).

The customer service representative had tried to explain the problem to the man: a little something people in the business call “chew.” In other words, squirrels had been chewing through the lines or otherwise interfering with the seamless delivery of electricity.

“He really was mad at us,” Hyland remembered. “You’re lying,” he said. “I’ve never seen a squirrel.”

It seemed inconceivable to the man that such tiny jaws could lead to such big problems.

So Hyland set out to convince him.

“We called out to our crews and said, ‘Hey guys, when you’re out working, if you get to a site and find a squirrel that’s half-burnt, we want you to bring it home and put it in a box.’”

After a few weeks, Hyland’s crew went to the man’s house, box in hand.

“We visited him with like 27 squirrels, some of which were still smoking,” he said.

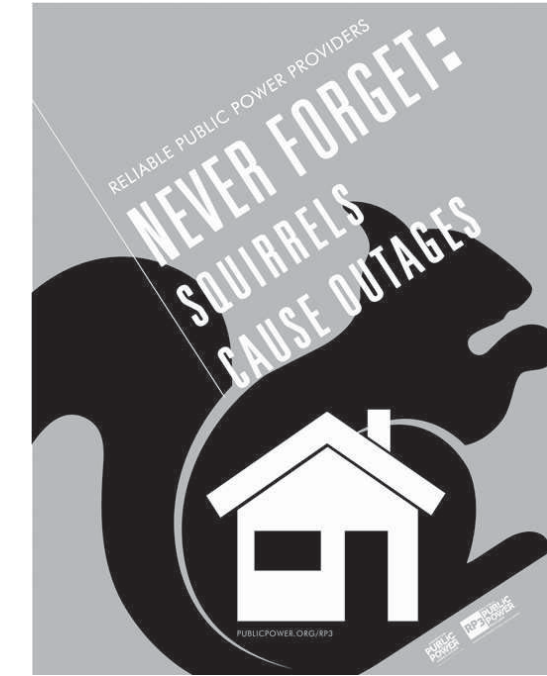
Hyland was reprimanded, but he had made his point.

“I’ve been involved in the squirrel war for 30 years,” he said.

It’s a war that shows no sign of ending any time soon.

The power can go out for many reasons. In the Southwest, high summer heat can cause air-conditioner overloads. In the Southeast, lightning can knock out the lights. (In Key West, Fla., iguanas are a problem.)

In the Midwest to the Mid-



A squirrel’s teeth never stop growing. In some parts of the country, squirrels are the leading cause of power outages.

Atlantic and into New England, squirrels are “pretty much the number one enemy,” Hyland said.

In 2015, the APPA decided to start calculating what it calls the Squirrel Index, asking members to share data on squirrel-related outages. In 2018, the system reported 1.6298 squirrel-related outages for every 1,000 customers.

Extrapolating from that, the association estimates that last year, squirrels caused 244,137 power outages across the nation. Squirrels have been more successful than any cyberterrorist.

How and why do squirrels wreak their havoc?

Start with their teeth. A squirrel’s front teeth never stop growing. To keep them from growing through its own head, a

squirrel must grind them down by gnawing on hard materials. That includes the high-density polyethylene plastic that covers coaxial and fiber-optic cables and some electric lines.

Tree squirrels — such as Eastern grays — like to be up high.

“They love to run on our overhead lines,” Hyland said. “It lets them cross streets and keeps them above their enemies.”

Touching one wire usually doesn’t spell doom for a squirrel. But touching two can. A squirrel may not appreciate the danger because when it was small, it had no difficulty navigating spaces abuzz with live wires.

“All of a sudden,” said Hyland, “the tail grows, it’s touching ground or another phase, and to say it pretty simply, they complete the circuit. When that

happens: *poof!*”

The squirrel goes from a furry flying Wallenda, to a frying Wallenda.

Lineworkers sometimes photograph the deceased rodents: their tails blackened or their teeth still clenched around the wire that killed them.

Utilities install guards around equipment, trying to keep the squirrels out. Often, workers return to find the guards chewed through. Plastic owls — designed to frighten squirrels — are a temporary fix and end up chewed, too. High-pitched sounds, inaudible to the human ear but supposedly crazy-making to squirrels, can wind up irritating nearby dogs.

“Whatever you seem to do, there’s an alternative problem,” Hyland said.

The APPA recommends utilities review outage data to see when and where outages occur. “We keep preaching a good vegetation management program,” Hyland said. “Keep trees away from lines.”

The association has even tried a tongue-in-cheek approach: Last Jan. 21 — Squirrel Appreciation Day — the association published on its website an open letter to squirrels.

“Don’t touch, hang out near, or hover above transformers,” read the letter in part. “Don’t build your nest on electrical equipment. . .

“Think before you chew: Gnawing on lines and other equipment might be soothing on your teeth, but poses a significant danger to you. You don’t want a power line to be your last meal!”

Of course, to read the letter, a squirrel would have to have Internet access. But odds are, the power was out.

**Tomorrow: Squirrel Week continues with a most bizarre tale of wildlife rehabilitation — times two!**

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THE DISTRICT

No bald eagle hatchlings for first time in 20 years

BY DANA HEDGPETH

There will probably be no baby bald eagles coming this year from two closely watched nests in the District as the birds’ short breeding season is coming to an end, according to a city wildlife biologist.

At the nest in a tree at the U.S. National Arboretum in Northeast Washington, the female bald eagle — the First Lady — hasn’t laid any eggs. Her partner is named Mr. President.

And at another nest in Southwest Washington on the grounds of the D.C. police academy, there are no eggs in the nest of Liberty and Justice, another pair of bald eagles.

Both sets of eagles have become well-known in Washington in large part because of eagle cameras.

Mr. President and the First Lady can be seen at [naeaglecam.org](http://naeaglecam.org), and Liberty and Justice can be seen at [eaglecam.org](http://eaglecam.org).

Dan Rauch, the city’s wildlife biologist, said it looks like both of the nests have “failed this year.” Rauch said it’s the District’s first year without any eagle hatchings



EARTH CONSERVATION CORPS

Liberty and Justice, longtime residents of a 110-foot oak tree on the police academy grounds, have hatched 22 eaglets over the years.

in 20 years. There had been a long dearth of eagle hatchings before that, but major conservation efforts were undertaken to bring the birds back.

“This is not a good thing,” Rauch said of the eagles not laying eggs this year. He said experts will watch it to make sure it’s “not a downward trend.”

“Hopefully they’ll bounce back,” he said.

Laying eagle eggs is no easy

task, given that female bald eagles are fertile for only a two-week window, experts said.

On the Twitter account of “Mr. P & the First Lady,” there’s been plenty of talk about the lack of eggs.

One post reads: “When all else fails, call in a stunt double for an eagle egg.”

At the police academy, Liberty and Justice have had a spring filled with drama.

The pair had taken a break after

they mated in mid-February and Liberty laid two eggs in the nest where they’ve lived for 14 years. But then Justice left the nest and was missing for several weeks.

Then Liberty took off for a bit and there were a few other suitors on the scene. The eggs didn’t make it — at one point, a raccoon bit into at least one of them.

Liberty and Justice have hatched about 22 eaglets from their nest in a 110-foot-tall oak tree.

Tommy Lawrence, managing director at the Earth Conservation Corps, which closely watches Liberty and Justice, said the pair have been doing some restoration work to their nest, but other eagles have been coming in at times.

“It’s been a stressful year for them,” he said. He said he’s not expecting any eagle eggs to be laid.

“It doesn’t seem like we’ll have any eggs in D.C. this year,” Lawrence said. “It’s disappointing because we always like to see eaglets come. But one good sign is that we’ve seen additional eagles coming into the area, and that means the eagle population is rebounding.”

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Md. district says inquiry into assault has grown

DAMASCUS FROM B1

office is investigating allegations of “a culture of assaultive behavior, bullying or hazing at Damascus High School.” As part of the inquiry, he said, records related to such behavior by student athletes, dating to 2013, were subpoenaed.

The superintendent said the school system has launched its own examination of the supervision of students on the day of the incident. “This investigation is under way, and we expect it to conclude in the coming weeks,” Smith said.

The school system’s internal review is being expanded to examine any problems in reporting incidents on Oct. 31, along with broader issues of supervision in sports and extracurricular activities at Damascus High.

“We will seek expert support from an external firm, and we will make sure to continue to collaborate closely with the State’s Attorney’s Office and the Montgomery County Police Department,” Smith said.

Problems in the handling of the incident were detailed in a Washington Post story published March 29. Damascus High officials waited more than 12 hours to tell police about credible allegations of a locker room sexual assault and launched their own inquiry into what happened, according to interviews and documents.

Smith did not address those issues directly in the letter or at a news briefing Monday but spoke more generally about follow-up at Damascus.

“Certainly our hearts and thoughts are with all of the students at Damascus and the students who reported the victimization, and that’s an issue that we take very seriously,” he said Monday.

His letter also pointed to school system efforts to step up supervision of students involved in sports and other school activities, with coaches and activity sponsors now required to submit formal supervision plans.

Shortly after the Damascus incident, Smith asked coaches and activity sponsors to meet with students before each season to discuss expectations about “hazing, bullying and assaultive behavior and what role students should play in preventing and reporting this behavior.”

Alaina Dahlin, a Damascus parent who has been a PTA leader in the area, said she was encouraged to hear about the heavy involvement of the state’s attorney’s office and its examination of any problems from years ago.

“It eases my mind that they are really looking in depth,” she said.

Dahlin said it is clear that there were supervision issues in the locker room on the day of the alleged assaults and that people in Damascus want to know more about what any fallout might be for the school or its personnel. “That’s what we’re all waiting to hear,” she said.

School officials said Monday that investigations are continuing and that no action has been taken against Damascus officials or employees in connection with the Oct. 31 incident.

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# Prosecutors drop charges against woman accused of accosting Trump official

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Carthy, the county’s longtime prosecutor.

“Was this woman rude? Yes,” McCarthy said. “Did she violate Ms. Conway’s space and try to embarrass her? Yes and yes. Is this a case where criminal sanctions would have been appropriate? No.”

Knight said in court that “Ms. Inabinett chose that time and that place — inappropriately so — to make contact with Ms. Conway and vent her political opposition to Ms. Conway.” However, “given the lack of priors, the de minimus nature of the contact and the apology letter,” the state dismissed the counts, Knight told the judge.

The charges of second-degree assault and disorderly conduct, both misdemeanors, cover a wide range of conduct, with the assault count ranging from spitting to punching someone and the conduct charge applying to raising a public ruckus that affects the behavior of others.

“Dropping this case was a very reasonable exercise in prosecutorial discretion,” said David Felsen, a veteran defense lawyer in the county.

The events in question began the night of Oct. 14 when Inabi-



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Kellyanne Conway, counselor to the president, seen in January, told CNN she was assaulted at Uncle Julio’s restaurant in Bethesda: “Somebody was grabbing me from behind . . . and was shaking me.”

nett was dining at Uncle Julio’s, part of a string of high-end shops and restaurants in Bethesda. Conway was there, too, with her daughter for a birthday celebra-

tion, according to court records.

Conway later described what happened to police:

“Conway stated that she was speaking with other individuals

who were part of the party when she felt someone grab both of her shoulders from behind and shake her,” Cpl. Joseph McNally wrote in court papers. “Conway stated

that at first she believed it was someone trying to get her attention for a hug before they left the party. When she turned around, she came face-to-face with the suspect who was screaming and making aggressive hand gestures towards her.”

*“Was this woman rude? Yes. . . . Is this a case where criminal sanctions would have been appropriate? No.”*

John McCarthy,  
Montgomery state’s attorney

In an interview later with CNN, Conway said she was assaulted.

“Somebody was grabbing me from behind, grabbed my arms and was shaking me,” she said, describing the woman identified as Inabinett as unhinged and out of control. “She ought to pay for that. She ought to pay for that. Because she has no right to touch anybody. She put her hands on me. I said, ‘Get your hands off me.’ She put her hands on me and was shaking me.”

Neither Conway nor Andrew C. White, an attorney who represented her in the matter, replied to requests for comment Monday.

William McDaniel, an attorney for Inabinett, declined to comment and said his client had no comment. He previously had said after the charges were made that Inabinett “saw Kellyanne Conway, a public figure, in a public place, and exercised her First Amendment right to express her personal opinions. She did not assault Ms. Conway.”

Second-degree assault in Maryland can be as minor as a grab or a push if the action was not one a victim consented to, said Louis Leibowitz, a Maryland defense lawyer who has taught trial practice at the American University Washington College of Law. But certain acts, while not welcomed, do not rise to a crime, Leibowitz said.

From the charging document, Leibowitz — who had no role in the case — noted that Conway told police that she initially thought someone was trying to get her attention before they left the party. “There was probably a defense argument that it wasn’t un-consented but was part of social interaction,” Leibowitz said.

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# Once at silent center of a historic Washington crisis, he watches and waits

FOREMAN FROM B1

evidence that we had, there was enough cause for indicting Nixon. . . . It was in a sense a disappointment that justice didn’t run its course,” Pregelj said.

Mueller’s office submitted its report March 22 to Attorney General William P. Barr, marking the end of the investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, and the beginning of the watch to see what is released to the public.

While Mueller has finished, several related cases were transferred to the D.C. U.S. attorney’s office, and its prosecutors say that the work of the 23-member grand jury empaneled July 6, 2017 — and whose term is not set to expire until July 5 — “continues robustly.”

From his home filled with early modernist sketches and books, Pregelj (pronounced pray-gull) recalled that his grand jury of 23 met more than 100 times its first 18 months of a two-year run, with two jurors losing their jobs as a result. Another member, a night-shift custodian at George Washington University, quit the panel, she later told a reporter, because it was too hard to be on the jury by day and the job at night and care for her 11 children.

Pregelj remembered the stylish colleague the press nicknamed “the chic lady,” who “came up with things that probably should have been explored further,” and the “strange experience” of questioning senior presidential aides about obstructing justice and perjury, an unusual way of “rubbing elbows with people in the headlines.”

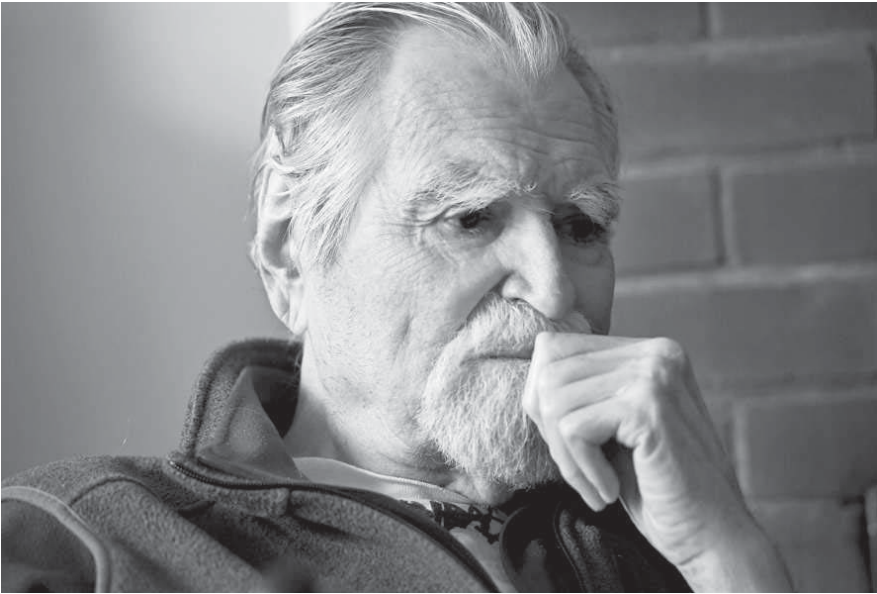
Most of all, he recalled the psychological pressure and moral burden of knowing so much — and being obliged to say so little — to fulfill the grand jury’s civic duty.

“We are all affected” by that obligation, Pregelj said.

“He’s a very secretive person,” said his wife, Lea Plut-Pregelj, 72, an education researcher. Married in 1980, she said it wasn’t until four years later that Pregelj talked about his time on the Watergate panel and then not in detail.

News accounts at the time described the tall, thick-haired international trade specialist as a “good-looking intellectual,” nicknamed Miro by his co-workers.

Although federal criminal rules strictly bar grand jurors from being named, Pregelj was identified in July 1973, after John J. Sirica, then the chief judge of the U.S. District Court in Washington, assembled the panel in open court and polled them to



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establish that they supported ordering the White House to explain Nixon’s refusal to turn over Oval Office tape recordings.

Seven months later, on March 1, 1974, the grand jury indicted seven top Nixon aides, including his campaign chairman and former U.S. attorney general John N. Mitchell.

Letters poured in to Pregelj that he has kept.

A Wichita woman wrote to the “Grand Jury foreman” that she and many others were frustrated “all these lawyers . . . out to get Nixon,” adding, “You all ought to be tarred and feathered.”

She continued, “Why don’t you stop this terrible thing? It is ruining our country both home and abroad! Try digging up the dirt and mistakes of former presidents. None are perfect.”

But after Nixon was pardoned by his successor, President Gerald R. Ford, on Sept. 8, 1974, a woman from Cary, N.C., wrote to Pregelj three days later saying, “This can’t happen to our country! I urge you to inform the public of the facts . . . if no one else will,” adding that she was “sick with outrage” at the pardoning of Nixon and the potential pardons of all Watergate defendants.

The visibility of Pregelj and his colleagues after their appearance in open court — and the self-disclosure of the forewoman of the grand jury that investigated President Bill Clinton’s dealings with Monica S. Lewinsky — contrast with the continuing anonymity of Grand Jury 17-1, the Mueller grand jurors.



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Vladimir Pregelj, top, wrote a three-page letter in 1974 to President Richard Nixon, above, requesting he appear before the grand jury.

It was empaneled at the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse on Constitution Avenue NW seven weeks after Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein authorized Mueller to investigate “any links and/or coordination” between Trump’s campaign and Russian government interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

For safety and security reasons, court officials encouraged the jurors early on to enter the courthouse through side doors not

used by the public. Unlike the foreman and deputy of three other grand juries working at the courthouse, the two leaders of the Mueller panel have not been identified handing up indictments in open court.

Rob Goldstone, a British music promoter who said he testified to the panel about setting up a June 2016 meeting at Trump Tower between a Russian lawyer and senior Trump campaign officials, said jurors “were a great cross-

section of people.”

“I would say of the 22, or 23 that day, half of them at least looked uninterested. A few looked really interested,” Goldstone said in a Washington Post interview in September. “They had to go back, another week, another week, and they’re still going back and listening. . . . I don’t know how they stay focused on it.”

Pregelj said his grand jury interacted little with Sirica or the special prosecutor but grew close to the assistant prosecutors who worked with them day to day after they were convened June 5, 1972.

After three weeks of hearing routine street and violent crimes, they got the case of the June 17 Watergate burglary. When one burglar — James W. McCord Jr., a former CIA officer providing security for the Nixon campaign — began cooperating, it unraveled a scheme that occupied three grand juries over more than two years.

Pregelj’s was the first and busiest. Archibald Cox, the initial special prosecutor for Watergate, wrote later in a book that its members “were truly a cross-section of the people of Washington.” Made up of 13 women and 10 men, and six white and 17 African American jurors, they ranged from their late 20s to 60s. A few were single but most were married with children.

Almost half worked for the government, and others were unemployed or retired, with only “one or two, but no more, educated for a profession,” Cox wrote. Regular government employees stayed on salary, but the rest at the time received \$20 a day and 10 cents a mile for travel.

“It was simply said, you will be the foreman,” Pregelj recalled of the court’s designation.

A Slovenian-born son of a college professor, Pregelj spent four years as a refugee after World War II. He won a scholarship to St. Joseph’s College in Rensselaer, Ind., served in the U.S. Army, became a citizen and earned a master’s degree at Fordham University in the Bronx before joining the Library of Congress in 1957.

Behind the scenes, Watergate prosecutors and the court confronted murky questions that resonate to this day.

After Nixon’s counsel opposed appearing before the grand jury and proposing written answers to questions instead, grand jurors unanimously agreed to summon Nixon.

“I am hereby requesting you on behalf of the Grand Jury to appear before it,” Pregelj wrote Jan. 30, 1974, in a three-page archived letter addressed to “Honorable Richard M. Nixon, The President, The White House,” and signed, “Vladimir N. Pregelj, Foreman, June, 1972 #1 Grand Jury.”

“I am sure you can appreciate

our concern that receipt of written answers to written questions, without an opportunity for direct questioning by any Juror or member of the Special Prosecutor’s staff, would not only be unsatisfactory but might well fall short of the Grand Jury’s duty to the public,” Pregelj concluded.

The president and his lawyers did not accept the invitation.

Meanwhile, the second Watergate special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, opposed indicting Nixon on legal and ethical grounds, as grand jurors and some of his own team wanted to do, believing a president in office had to be impeached first by Congress and doubting whether Nixon could receive a fair trial.

The view “didn’t sit well with the grand jury,” Pregelj said.

Pregelj went so far as to conduct a straw vote, in which all or nearly all jurors voted to charge Nixon. “Some raised both hands,” Pregelj remembered, they felt so strongly.

In retrospect, Jaworski prosecutors Richard Ben-Veniste and George Frampton, who worked closest with the jury, wrote in their book that Jaworski apparently wanted “not to get out ahead of public opinion, not to appear to be ‘challenging’ the President on the basis of evidence not yet in the public domain.”

Instead, he agreed to do a factually worded report for Congress and to secretly name Nixon as an unindicted co-conspirator.

On March 1, 1974, when the grand jury indicted the seven top Nixon aides, it was Pregelj’s job to hand the sealed report to the court in full public view — literally handing over a bulging briefcase stuffed with tapes and other evidence prepared by Jaworski’s office.

The Jaworski report became known colloquially as the “Sirica road map,” for the judge. After lawmakers requested it, Sirica approved transmitting it to the House, giving it evidence of the legal case for considering Nixon’s impeachment.

In the end, Pregelj did not recall watching the televised Senate Watergate hearings that gripped the country. “I guess I’m not that curious,” he said.

Although Nixon while president did not come before the grand jury, in June 1975, after he was pardoned and 10 months after leaving the White House, he met behind closed doors as a private citizen with Watergate prosecutors and two grand jurors near his home in San Clemente, Calif.

Transcripts of Nixon’s testimony about investigations into the scandal that toppled his presidency were released in 2011. Pregelj was surprised: “I was not aware of the details.”

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# Washington Monument reopening is delayed until August over soil concerns

MONUMENT FROM B1

the elevator, which takes visitors to the 500-foot observation level. One of the tallest free-standing masonry structures in the world, the monument is also perhaps the most recognized of American structures. It was damaged during the 2011 earthquake, reopened and then closed again for elevator replacement and construction of the visitor facility. The monument's cornerstone was laid July 4, 1848, at a ceremony attended by President James K. Polk and Rep. Abraham Lincoln. Work was halted from 1858 to 1878 because of a lack of funds. In December 1884, a 3,300-pound marble capstone was placed atop the monument and capped with a pyramid of aluminum. The following Feb. 21, on a sunny, frigid day, the monument was dedicated. But several years later, officials deposited 250,000 cubic

yards of soil to create the knoll that surrounds the monument, Litterst said in an interview. For the construction of the visitors facility, workers planned to dig geothermal wells for heating and cooling of the building. But Litterst said the District's Department of Energy and Environment informed the Park Service that the area where the well "field" is planned might have contaminated soil.

*"The soil in question was likely introduced in the 1880s as the monument was being completed."*

**Mike Litterst,**  
National Park Service  
spokesman



The Washington Monument, shown Dec. 22 during the partial federal government shutdown, has been closed since 2016 as a new visitors screening facility is constructed and its elevator is modernized.

Litterst said the Park Service planned to include special metal sleeves around the wells to prevent leaching of any contamination into the wells. It is the latest problem with a national landmark that has had a troubled history. The original site, which was supposed to be on a north-south line with the White House and an east-west line with the Capitol, had to be moved because it was on unstable ground near the bank of the Potomac River, according to a study by the Army Corps of Engineers. Thus, the current site is about 370 feet east of the White House axis and 123 feet south of the Capitol axis, the Corps said. Later, the monument foundation had to be bolstered for fear it would not hold the weight of the structure. And in 1887, a pond called Babcock Lake just north of the monument was filled in because it was seen as a threat to stability of the monument.

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## Rocket on a roll

An Antares rocket is wheeled out to a launchpad Monday at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore. Northrop Grumman's 11th resupply mission to the International Space Station will deliver about 7,500 pounds of material to its crew. The launch is set for Wednesday evening.



## MARYLAND

# Rep. Harris is 'Public Enemy No. 1' for pot activists, and it's getting personal

BY JEFF BARKER

It's hard to pinpoint when the encounters turned so personal between marijuana legalization advocates and Rep. Andy Harris, the Republican from Baltimore County. It could have been in April 2018, when former Washington head shop owner Adam Eidingler rented a brick rowhouse in the congressman's district in Salisbury so he could vote against Harris and organize others to do the same. Or in October, when activist Rachel Donlan alleged that Harris slammed a door on her leg during a protest that ended with Donlan and another demonstrator lying down in the hall outside his Washington office and smoking marijuana. Harris disputed her account and said his wrist was bruised when the protesters "sought to forcibly enter the office." Five months later, Salisbury University student and "marijuana justice" advocate Jake Burdett pleaded guilty to illegal wiretapping after streaming a meeting with a Harris staffer via Facebook Live without permission. The incidents — many memorialized in social media videos — point to a fundamental disagreement about not only marijuana, but also the boundaries of citizen activism. Harris has been branded "Public Enemy No. 1" by the activists. He accuses them of "stalking" him.

that year. People can possess or use limited amounts of marijuana at home in Washington, but no one can sell it for recreational use. Congress has continued to write the restriction into its spending measures — prompting activists to keep asking Harris why he thinks he knows more than District voters about what is good for them. "All I know is, Mr. Eidingler has asked me the question," said Harris, 62, a Johns Hopkins-trained anesthesiologist who has a framed lab coat hanging on the wall of his office. "I've answered it, and he insists on . . . I'd use the word 'stalking.' My answer hasn't changed, so I don't know what different answer he expects." Harris feels strongly about marijuana because, he said, it has been linked to a host of physical and social ills. He has an outside role in District governance as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, which has power over the city's finances. Eidingler, 45, who paid \$900 a month for the Salisbury rental while keeping his home in the District, waves off Harris's criticism. He said he is merely practicing civil disobedience. "We're not being aggressive; we're being citizens," said Eidingler, the social action director for Dr. Bronner's, a soap company. Eidingler has tried to speak to Harris at town hall meetings, in a parking lot and — last year — during the congressman's Capitol Hill speech in front of an audience of lobbyists and executives at an herbal products trade association meeting. That exchange in June began when Harris asked whether anybody had any questions. It immediately devolved into a peculiar discussion about Eidingler's



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Rep. Andy Harris wrote legislation that barred the District from spending money to fully implement its marijuana legalization law.

daughter, who attends Duke Ellington School of the Arts in the District. "You know me. I'm a constituent, actually," Eidingler began. "Well, kind of," Harris replied from behind a lectern. The dialogue, captured in a video posted on the DC Marijuana Justice Facebook page, continued. Eidingler: No, I moved to Salisbury recently. Harris: Except your daughter wants to go to a public school here in the city, so you still have to figure that out, I understand. Eidingler: Well, you can have homes in multiple cities. Harris: You sure can, but you can't educate your children in multiple public school systems. Are you a member of this association, by the way? Eidingler: Yes, I am. I represent a company that sells over \$100 million worth of products a year.

the hammer to make an example out of me over a mistake I quickly corrected and apologized for," Burdett said in an email. Harris said this week that the Burdett meeting "was in my office in Salisbury, which is a private building where we rent an office. We have people who come to those offices with very personal problems. So our blanket rule is, there is no recording in this office." Harris was easily reelected in November to his fifth term representing Maryland's 1st Congressional District, which is made up of parts of the counties of Baltimore, Carroll and Harford, as well as the Eastern Shore. Mileah Kromer, director of the Sarah T. Hughes Field Politics Center at Goucher College, said Harris is popular with many voters in the conservative district, regardless of what they might think of his marijuana position. "He's fine with his district," Kromer said. But Harris is at odds with public opinion generally, including among young Republican voters. "Taken together, a majority of Americans support legalization. And a majority of Republican millennials support legalization," she said. Marijuana legalization has been discussed for years in the Maryland General Assembly without gaining much traction. Democratic leaders have indicated they might be open to putting the matter on the statewide ballot in 2020 for voters to decide. Medical marijuana is state-regulated, with local lawmakers given some leeway in the placement of the new businesses. A Pew Research Center survey in October found that legalization is favored by 62 percent of Americans.

But Harris, the lone Republican in Maryland's congressional delegation and a member of the conservative Freedom Caucus, cites warnings from the National Institute on Drug Abuse about marijuana's potential health hazards, including long-term cognitive effects on the developing brain. District of Columbia law permits possession of limited amounts of recreational marijuana, but the Harris language has prevented officials from condoning or regulating its sale. Because Republicans lost control of the U.S. House in the November elections, the language — which expires in October — will not appear in this year's House spending bill. But it could still wind up in the final bill because the Senate and White House remain under Republican control. "I would hope it would be [included] because I think we need to continue sending the message that we have to put the brakes on legalization of recreational marijuana until we deal with all the ramifications that legalization can have on basically the health status of the country," Harris said. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser and other Washington officials are hoping to defeat the rider, which they consider unwarranted congressional interference. Eidingler said the lease on his Salisbury home expires this month, and — with no election this year — he isn't renewing. But he insists he will return to the Eastern Shore. "I do intend to find a house in his district next year. I think it's going to take a long time to get him out. Maybe after redistricting in 2020," he said.

— Baltimore Sun



## OBITUARIES

PAUL GREENGARD, 93

## His discovery of how nerve cells communicate helped advance treatments

BY HARRISON SMITH

Paul Greengard, a Nobel Prize-winning neuroscientist who exposed the mechanism by which tens of billions of nerve cells communicate, shining a light on the inner workings of the brain and helping to advance the treatment of neurological and psychiatric disorders, died April 13 at a hospital in Manhattan. He was 93.

His death was announced by the Rockefeller University in New York, where he was director of the Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation and had taught since 1983. He had heart problems, said his wife, German-born sculptor Ursula von Rydingsvard.

Dr. Greengard began his career in the 1950s, at a time when biophysics was a nascent field and neuroscience did not yet exist as a stand-alone discipline. His work was defined by a pivotal early decision to study the chemical underpinnings of nerve cell communication, in an era during which most scientists believed that messages were relayed through electrical means, by the flow of charged ions.

In part through his research, neurons are understood to talk to each other primarily through a chemical process called signal transduction. Dr. Greengard focused on a particular type of transduction, slow synaptic transmission, in which neurotransmitters such as dopamine or serotonin effect changes that can last from a few seconds to several hours, affecting mood, alertness and even sensory perception.

Early on, his research was guided by a hunch: that a mechanism used to store sugar in liver cells could also be crucial to the brain. Through that mechanism, phosphorylation, phosphate groups are added to a protein, changing its function and serving as a kind of biological switch.

He soon learned that it was crucial to slow synaptic transmission, although few of his peers seemed to take notice. "No one was terribly interested — it wasn't ready for prime time," Dr. Greengard once told the New York Times. "People said, 'Poor Paul, I'm sure he'll find his way back onto the right path.'"

Another neuroscientist, Charles F. Stevens at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, told the Times, "Paul was alone for years, taking an approach that the electrophysiologists didn't care about."

Dr. Greengard went on to detail the cascade of chemical processes that take place after dopamine and other neurotransmitters reach a neuron, and in 2000 he shared the Nobel in physiology or medicine with Arvid Carlsson and Eric R. Kandel, for their separate research on the role of



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signal transduction in the nervous system.

"His discoveries laid out a new paradigm requiring the understanding of the biochemistry of nerve cells rather than simply their electrical activities," Richard P. Lifton, a biochemist and president of Rockefeller University, said in a statement. "Today, abnormalities in signaling among neurons are recognized to underlie many neurologic and psychiatric disorders including Parkinson's disease, schizophrenia, depression, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and substance abuse."

Dr. Greengard himself studied signaling problems in nerve cells and the role that neurotransmitters play in diseases such as Parkinson's. His research paved the way for the development of the antidepressant Prozac, which works partly by increasing serotonin levels, and in 2006 he and his colleagues announced they had discovered a protein known as p11, which modulates serotonin and seems to play a key role in depression.

Outside the scientific community, Dr. Greengard was perhaps less known for his Nobel-winning research than for what he did with his Nobel winnings. On the same day his prize was announced, he said he had decided to use his share of the award —



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**Dr. Paul Greengard, left, receives the Nobel Prize in physiology from Swedish King Carl XVI Gustaf in Stockholm in 2000.**

about \$400,000 — to fund an annual \$50,000 prize for female researchers.

"I hoped to bring more attention to the work of brilliant women scientists," Dr. Greengard told the Times in 2006, citing ongoing bias against women in science. "Perhaps this will bring them further recognition and even a Nobel."

The award was named in honor of his mother, Pearl Meister Greengard, who died while giving birth to Dr. Greengard. Until

he was 20, he had believed his stepmother was his birth mother; he once explained that his Episcopalian stepmother wanted to keep him from knowing that his mother was Jewish.

"I don't have a single photograph of my mother," Dr. Greengard said. "When I married, my wife, Ursula, put a picture of a woman we thought was Pearl Meister above our mantelpiece. Ten years later, we discovered this was someone else's mother. Since there's not a shred of

physical evidence that my mother ever existed, I wanted to do something to make her less abstract."

Paul Greengard was born in Queens on Dec. 11, 1925. His father was a vaudeville singer, dancer and comedian who later worked in cosmetics; he remarried when Dr. Greengard was 13 months old. His older sister Chris Chase was a journalist and actress who co-starred in Stanley Kubrick's 1955 film "Killer's Kiss" under the name Irene Kane; she died in 2013.

Dr. Greengard enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and was dispatched to a research group based out of MIT, where he helped develop a radar system designed to warn against Japanese kamikaze attacks in the Pacific.

After World War II he attended college on the G.I. Bill, receiving a bachelor's degree in 1948 from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. He had planned to pursue a career in physics but experienced a change of heart after learning that the only graduate fellowship available was funded by the Atomic Energy Commission.

"I thought there were better ways of spending my life than trying to destroy mankind," he once said.

At the suggestion of his college roommate's parents, both physi-

cians, he turned to biophysics, studying under Haldan Keffer Hartline (later a Nobel Prize-winner) at Johns Hopkins University. He received a PhD in 1953 and did postdoctoral work in Britain at the University of London, the University of Cambridge and the National Institute for Medical Research.

Dr. Greengard said he considered spending his career in England, which he found "particularly compatible" with his reserved personality at the time. But insufficient funding for scientific research, as well as a dearth of central heating, led him to return to the United States. He directed the biochemistry department at Geigy Research Laboratories and was a pharmacology professor at the Yale School of Medicine before joining Rockefeller.

Although Dr. Greengard was widely admired for his championing of women in science, his reputation was bruised in 2007, when a researcher, Effat Emamian, sued Rockefeller University for discrimination, alleging that Dr. Greengard undermined her scientific research and that she had been fired because she complained about the treatment.

He apologized for being "rude" in their conversations about her research, according to the New York Post, and in 2018 a jury awarded Emamian \$2 million in emotional damages, later reduced to \$200,000 plus back pay.

Dr. Greengard's marriage to Carola Hamburger ended in divorce, as did a brief second marriage. He met von Rydingsvard when they were both teaching at Yale, and they married in 1985. In addition to his wife, survivors include two sons from his first marriage, Claude Greengard and Leslie Greengard; a stepdaughter he adopted, also named Ursula von Rydingsvard; a sister; and six grandchildren.

After winning the Nobel Prize, Dr. Greengard seemed to maintain the same output as he had before, continuing his research into Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and antidepressants. It was not, he joked, that he was a "genetic freak" capable of maintaining a world-class output into his 80s. Rather, the nature of scientific research had changed; he was leading a collaborative team of nearly 60 people, not bounding into the unknown all by his lonesome.

"Today, the exciting developments come out of interdisciplinary working groups, where participants can be of any age," he told the Times in 2006. "I don't know for sure, but I suspect that the leaders of teams making discoveries now are a lot older than they used to be. And that's good. It's a tragedy for society to spend decades training people and then depriving them of work at some arbitrary age."

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JONATHAN WOLMAN, 68

## Longtime editor and publisher helmed the Detroit News, Associated Press

BY DAVID CRARY

Jonathan Wolman, who over more than 45 years in journalism served as editor and publisher of the Detroit News and previously worked as a reporter, Washington bureau chief and executive editor at the Associated Press, died April 15 in Detroit. He was 68.

The cause was complications from pancreatic cancer, his family told the News.

Mr. Wolman had been editor and publisher of the News since 2007, running the newspaper during a financially challenging period that included staff layoffs, a cutback to only two days a week of home delivery, and a relocation from the massive headquarters building that it had occupied for nearly a century.

However, Detroit — even as it went into and then out of bankruptcy in 2013-2014 — has survived as one of a shrinking number of U.S. cities with more than one major daily newspaper. The News has a joint operating agreement with its rival, the Detroit Free Press, in which the newspapers consolidate business operations while fielding separate editorial staffs.

"Jon came to Detroit at a time of incredible uncertainty, not only for the News, but for the industry," said the News's managing editor, Gary Miles. Even amid the paper's austerity measures,

Miles added, Mr. Wolman oversaw expansion of the paper's investigative and projects unit, and maintained a strong focus on national and world news at a time when many regional papers were cutting back.

Mr. Wolman's tenure in Detroit encompassed one of the most turbulent periods in the city's history. The bankruptcy filing was preceded by years of plummeting population and tax base; more recently there has been an incomplete but inspiring recovery.

Mr. Wolman came to Detroit from Denver, where for three years he was editor of the Denver Post's editorial page.

Before his job in Denver, Mr. Wolman had a nearly 31-year career with AP, starting in 1973 as a reporter in Madison, Wis., before moving to the Washington bureau two years later. As an editor, he oversaw coverage of the space shuttle Columbia's first flight in 1981.

He also spent nearly a decade as Washington bureau chief and moved to New York in 1998 to become AP's managing editor, and he was promoted to executive editor in 2000. He helped oversee AP's 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning report about the 1950 No Gun Ri massacre during the Korean War, as well as AP's coverage of the 9/11 attacks.

But it was political coverage that was Mr. Wolman's career-



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**Jonathan Wolman, editor and publisher of the Detroit News, speaks in 2008. He saw the paper through a financially challenging period and later helped expand its investigative and projects unit.**

long obsession and his focus as a journalist.

Some colleagues suggest that one of his finest moments came late on Election Night in 2000, when it was clear that the presidential race between Texas Gov. George W. Bush (R) and Vice

President Al Gore (D) had come down to the closely fought state of Florida. At 2:16 a.m. on Nov. 8, Fox News declared Bush the winner in Florida, and within minutes NBC, CBS, CNN and ABC did the same. The AP said the race was too close to name a winner.

Mr. Wolman, then AP's New York-based executive editor, was in the Washington office at the time while his successor as bureau chief, Sandy Johnson, faced intense pressure to join the networks in calling the election for Bush.

Based on input from experienced colleagues, Johnson knew the Florida outcome wasn't clear and stood her ground; Mr. Wolman backed her completely. Many news organizations, including AP, had already had to backtrack once after exit polls and an analysis of early returns wrongly indicated that Gore had won Florida.

"He could have pulled rank on Sandy and called it — but that night he knew he was working for her," said Ron Fournier, whose byline was on the main election story. "Jon deserved credit for knowing to trust his people."

AP's non-call was vindicated as the nearly deadlocked election outcome became entangled in a long legal battle before being decided in Bush's favor by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jonathan Paley Wolman was born on Aug. 1, 1950, and raised in Madison, where his father, Martin, was publisher of the Wisconsin State Journal from 1968 to 1984.

Mr. Wolman attended the University of Colorado for two years before transferring to the University of Wisconsin's main campus in Madison, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1972.

In 1978, he married Deborah Lamm. In addition to his wife, survivors include three children; two sisters; and a brother, according to the News.

— *Associated Press*



OBITUARIES



MATT YORK/ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NBA coach John MacLeod, shown in 1999, had the most wins in Phoenix Suns history.**

JOHN MACLEOD, 81

Coach led ‘Sundarella Suns’ to 1976 Finals

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John MacLeod, the longtime NBA coach who led the Phoenix Suns to the 1976 NBA Finals, died April 14. He was 81.

The death was confirmed by his son, Matt MacLeod. The elder MacLeod had fought Alzheimer's disease for more than a decade. Additional details were not immediately available.

Mr. MacLeod is the winningest coach in Suns history, going 579-543 in the regular season from 1973-87. He also coached the Dallas Mavericks from 1987 to '89 and the New York Knicks in the 1990-91 season, finishing his 18-year head-coaching career with a 707-657 mark.

Mr. MacLeod had his most success in Phoenix, capped by the 1975-76 “Sundarella Suns” run to the NBA Finals. The Suns lost to Boston in six games in the finals, with the Celtics’ triple-overtime victory in Game 5 at Boston Garden regarded as one of the greatest games ever.

*“His passion for the game was matched only by his endearing personality, humility and class.”*

Phoenix Suns statement

“His passion for the game was matched only by his endearing personality, humility and class, a man who was loved by everyone that had the pleasure of interacting with him,” the Suns said in a statement. “Coach MacLeod was a winner in every sense and will be dearly missed.”

His Phoenix teams made nine playoff appearances, also reaching the Western Conference finals in 1979 and 1984. He had a franchise-record 37 playoff victories and was placed in the Phoenix Suns Ring of Honor in 2012.

John Matthew MacLeod was born in New Albany, Ind., on Oct. 3, 1937. He starred at Providence High School in nearby Clarksville and played college basketball at Bellarmine University in Louisville, just across the state line.

Mr. MacLeod led the Mavericks to Game 7 of the Western Conference finals in his first season with the team and worked as an assistant with Phoenix, Denver and Golden State, ending his coaching career with the Warriors in 2006. He was a college head coach at Oklahoma from 1967 to 1973 and at Notre Dame from 1991 to '99. His son was a member of the Fighting Irish squad in Mr. MacLeod's last two seasons.

In addition to his son, survivors include his wife, Carol, and daughter, Kathleen.

CORRECTIONS

•The Dec. 21 obituary for Audrey Moore, a former chairwoman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, incorrectly reported that the Fairfax County park system has 230,000 acres. There are 23,000 acres of parkland in the county.

•The April 14 obituary of Stanley Plumly, a poet and University of Maryland professor, incorrectly reported that he had a master's degree from Ohio University. According to the university, he did graduate work but did not receive a degree.

IN MEMORIAM

BREMERMAN



LEWIS GARDNER BREMERMAN August 7, 1917–April 16, 1981 and

JULIA PEARLE BREMERMAN November 30, 1918–April 16, 2008

Your lives were a blessing, your memories a treasure, you both are loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Love Bob, Carole, Ken, Kelly, Brian, Alexa, Gavin, Jaden, Alice and Dave

GILMORE



RALPH B. GILMORE, JR.

February 27, 1947 April 16, 2005

The gates of memory will never close. We miss you more than anyone knows. Your Loving Family

DEATH NOTICE

BRAWNER

LINDA M. BRAWNER

Entered into eternal rest on Thursday, April 4, 2019. She is survived by her two daughters, Charnetta Brawner and Monica Marcelle; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters; two brothers and a host of other relatives and friends. Ms. Brawner may be viewed at Stewart Funeral Home, 4001 Benning Rd., NE on Thursday, April 18 from 1 p.m. until service at 2 p.m. Interment is private.

COATES

EDNA MAE COATES (Age 80)

Passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Visitation 9 a.m., Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17 at St. Luke Catholic Church, 4925 E. Capitol St., SE. Interment Quantic National Cemetery. Arrangements by H.S. Washington & Sons.

COLEVAS

PROKOPES COLEVAS “Peter”

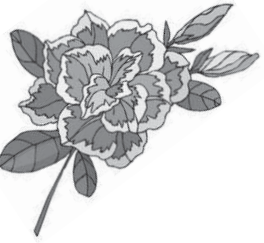
Of Washington, DC on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Beloved husband of Patricia Keenan Colevas. Loving father of Gregory Speros Colevas, Alexander Dimitrios Colevas, and Eleni Colevas Shipe. Brother of Patra (Cleo) Hangemanole. Also survived by 11 grandchildren. Friends may call at DeVot Funeral Home, 2222 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20007 (Complimentary Valet Parking) on Thursday, April 18, 2019 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Service will be offered at Saint Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 2815 36th Street NW, Washington, DC on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Cedar Hill Cemetery, 4111 Pennsylvania Ave., Suidland, MD 20746. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Salvation Army.

CROFOOT

CAROLYN BASS CROFOOT (Age 70)

Of Myrtle Beach, SC passed away peacefully, Friday, April 12, 2019 at Embrace Hospice House in Myrtle Beach. Carolyn always loved animals especially her dogs and horses. She is survived by her son Luke and her beautiful grandchildren, Liam and Alma. A private service will be held. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Carolyn's name to an animal charity of your choice. View full obituary and express online condolences at Burroughs Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Murrells Inlet, SC (843.651.1440) is assisting the family.

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DORSEY

JOSEPH HENRY DORSEY, JR.

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Joseph Henry Dorsey, Jr., 90 passed away the loving husband of the late Mary Frances Dorsey. Loving father of Diane Scott, Camell Dorsey (Lorraine), Joanne Dorsey, Tracey Wade (Samuel), Russell Dorsey (Sherry). Also survived by 23 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, three siblings and a host of other relatives, family and friends. Preceded in death by his sons, Michael Dorsey (Tina), Gary Dorsey. The Family will receive friends on Monday, April 22, 2019 from 7 to 9 p.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at Burrier-Queen Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. 1212 W. Old Liberty Road, Sykesville, MD 21784 (Beside South Carroll High School). Where funeral service will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 11 a.m. Interment Browns Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. Online Condolences www.Burrier-Queen.com

FERONTI

JOSEPH TOBIAS FERONTI (Age 97) WWII Veteran

Passed peacefully on March 15, 2019. Preceded in death by beloved wife of 61 years June; daughter Jeanette; daughter lost at birth June Elizabeth, daughter-in-law Glenda, and grandson Corey. Survived by children Michael, Priscilla, John and Christine, Cindy and Alan, and Joseph and Lisa, 17 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, five great, great grandchildren. He will be missed by canine companion, Rascal. Reception, service and burial on April 17, Community Mausoleum Chapel, Ft. Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, MD at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to America's Vet Dogs (vetdogs.org).

DEATH NOTICE

FLYNN

MARY CLARE FLYNN

On Friday, April 12, 2019, Mary Clare Flynn of Falls Church, VA died at home surrounded by family. Mary was the beloved wife of the late John P. Flynn; mother of Stephanie Najarian (Gabriel), Jack Flynn (Pamela), Marie Flynn, Michael Flynn (Rita), Patricia Townsend (Luther), Sue Flynn, Regina Gaudet (Scott), Mary Zellmann (Robert), Teresa Marcellino (Mauro) and Sheila Schmedes (Reiner). Visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at MONEY AND KING FUNERAL HOME, Vienna, VA. Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., SE, Vienna, VA 22182. www.moneyandking.com

GARIEPY



MARK STEVEN GARIEPY (Age 58)

Of Vienna, VA passed away on April 13, 2019 surrounded by his family. Beloved husband of Nancy Sommer Gariepy; devoted father of Michelle and Nicholas Gariepy, loving son of George Gariepy of Ocala, FL and the late Dolores Gariepy; caring brother of Sharon Hanson (Pat); four brother and sister-in-laws; seven nieces and nephews; and a wide circle of extended family and friends. Mark graduated from Bishop Ireton in Alexandria, VA and the College of William and Mary. Visitation will be held Wednesday, April 17 from 4 to 8 at Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave, W., Vienna, VA. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 18 at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna, VA 22180. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to The College of William and Mary giving.wm.edu, or Save the Children Long Island County, P.O. Box 38, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724.

GILLIAM

JAMES WILLIAM GILLIAM

On Thursday, April 11, 2019. Beloved husband and patriarch of the Gilliam family of Upper Marlboro, MD. He is survived his loving family and friends. Family to receive friends on Wednesday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. at Westphalia United Methodist Church, 9363 D'Arcy Rd., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Interment Cheltenham, Veterans Cemetery with military honors. www.popefh.com

HIRREL

SARISA T. HIRREL

On Friday, January 18, 2019, Surisa T. Hirrel, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of the late Michael A. Hirrel; stepmother and aunt of numerous nieces and nephews. Surisa was a nurse for many years in the Washington, DC and suburban Maryland area. She was active in the senior citizen community of Montgomery county.

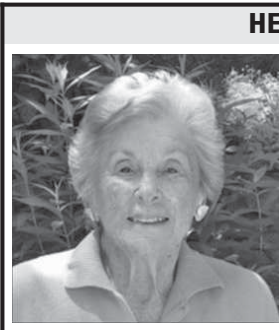
Relatives and friends may call at Wat Thai, 13440 Layhill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20906, on Friday, April 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery on a future date. Memorial contributions may be made to Wat Thai.

www.collinsfuneralhome.com

JOHNS

KATHLEEN LEES JOHNS (Age 78)

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, of Silver Spring, MD. Beloved wife of Michael Johns; mother of Elizabeth Johns, Mary Johns (Eric Beam), and Philip Johns (of Singapore). Relatives and friends may call at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD (Valet Parking), Tuesday, April 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Church, 12319 New Hampshire Avenue, Silver Spring, MD, on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery. www.collinsfuneralhome.com



CYNTHIA HELMS

Cynthia Helms was gathered on April 12, 2019. She was born 95 years ago in Maldon, England. She joined the British Navy during World War II at 18 and served as a WREN. After the war, she emigrated to the U.S. with two toddlers and her then husband Dr. Allan McKelvie, settled in Washington and became a U.S. citizen.

The rotating stack of 30 or so books on the sideboard in her front hall is evidence of her never-ending (never sated) curiosity. The books—which she gave away as fast as she read them—touch on subjects from the popes, to birds, to the presidents and the Rolling Stones.

She was energetic. At 85, she drove to Pennsylvania to knock on doors for Barack Obama. She routinely blocked out time for events of interest, whether it was bridge at Guy Mason, a reception at the Supreme Court, or a panel discussion on foreign policy at Brookings.

She directed her energies to projects that would have an impact on the community and on individuals who might make our life

DEATH NOTICE

LEVIN

ROBERT N. LEVIN

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, Robert N. Levin, of Chevy Chase, MD. Beloved husband of Judith W. Levin, devoted father of Sharon Gayle Levin and Joshua Ray Levin, cherished brother of Rabbi Stan Morgenstein. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 11 a.m., at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, 18800 Northampton Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20904, Interment Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. The family will be observing Shiva on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at Ingleside at Rock Creek, 5121 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC 20008. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, LLC under Jewish Funeral Practices Committee of Greater Washington.

LOWE

DEBRA ANN LOWE (Age 65)

On Friday, April 12, 2019, of Silver Spring, MD. Loving daughter of the late John Paul and Annette Louise Lowe. Loving sister of Richard Brian Lowe of Philadelphia, PA. Cousin of Janet Lado, Lynn Jenner and David Lewis. Debra attended The Academy of the Holy Cross high school graduating in 1971, earned her bachelor of arts from the University of Maryland, College Park in 1975 and then went on to earn her Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern University in Lima, OH. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Andrew Apostle Church, 11600 Kemp Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD, on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 5 p.m. Interment Gate of Heaven Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Relief Services, 228 W. Lexington St., Baltimore, MD 21201.

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McKIE

YVONNE THEODORA McKIE (Age 68) Peacefully on Monday, April 8, 2019. Family will receive friends on Thursday, April 18 at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 7001 Street NE, visitation 8 a.m. until celebration of life 10 a.m. Interment Washington National Cemetery. Services by Freeman.

NORTON

JASON E. NORTON (Age 45)

It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local #602 of the death of Brother Jason E. Norton. Private funeral services were held by the family. Notice #1713. Daniel W. Loveless, F.S.T.

SHAPIRO

PAUL ELLIOT SHAPIRO (Age 73)

Beloved husband of Winnie Shapiro, died on April 10, 2019 in Delray Beach, FL, of colon cancer. He was a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and had a law degree from George Washington University. He was father to Benjamin, Mark (Robert Healy) and Adam (Vicki) Shapiro and grandfather to Alexander and Marissa Shapiro. A 50-year resident of Northern Virginia, he was a retired patent examiner with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office and a long-time private income tax preparer. He loved electric trains, making wooden toys and crafts, science fiction, birding, gardening and fishing. A quiet person, he was a real jack-of-all-trades and could figure out how to do anything. He was trusted and relied upon by all who knew him. Graveside service at King David Memorial Gardens on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Habitat for Humanity, https://www.habitat.org/

TWINING

JAMES E. TWINING, III

Passed on April 9, 2019 after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. A native and lifelong resident of Northern Virginia, Mr. Twining was a dedicated civil servant, working for the Defense Logistics Agency for more than 20 years and the General Services Administration before that for almost 10 years. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Urbana University in Ohio in 1971. Mr. Twining will be dearly missed by his brother, Robert (Laura) Twining and nieces, Stephanie and Julianne Twining and Melissa Clark. There will be a gathering of family and friends on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Murphy's Funeral Home, 1102 W. Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046. Graveside services will be held at Memorial Park Cemetery Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Alzheimer's Association. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.murphyfuneralhomes.com

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better. She worked as producer and host of the weekly Radio Smithsonian. She started Concern, Inc. with a wonderful group of independent minded women, founded and sponsored fellowships at the Iraq Women's Fellowship Foundation and WorldWIDE, served as a member of the Selection Committee White House Fellows and the Harri-man Fellows Advisory Committee, and on the boards of the Freer and Sackler Galleries, World Resources Institute, Friends of the National Arboretum, and the National Fund for the United States Botanic Garden. She supported individuals and institutions, including contributing substantial support to DC Prep Public Charter School, a portion dedicated as seed money for a library named in her honor.

She was quietly competitive, achieving a Bronze Life Member of the American Contract Bridge League.

In 1968 she married Richards Helms, then Director of Central Intelligence. In 1973, they moved to Iran, where he served as ambassador. Her time in Iran inspired her to write two books. She eventually published a third. They had a wonderful marriage (though at times Dick would have to tolerate wearing an overcoat inside to keep warm, as she kept their house as cold as the one she grew up in). She has been looking forward to joining him.

She is survived by four children who have stayed close, living in Washington, DC, Jill McKelvie, Roderick McKelvie (Claire), Allan McKelvie (Darina) and Lindsay Eakin (Terry), and a stepson, Chris Helms (Meg) of Princeton, NJ. She has 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Donations may be made in her memory to the CIA Officers Memorial Foundation, ciamemorialfoundation.org.

We are planning a gathering for family and friends on Tuesday, September 3rd, followed by a reception. We will welcome any brief remembrances of Cynthia from those present.

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DEATH NOTICE

VENEZIA

MOLLY STILL VENEZIA (Age 62)

Mother, Grandmother, Wife and CFO Molly still Venezia, passed away peacefully at Robert Wood Johnson Hospital, December 17, 2018 surrounded by loved ones. Born in Washington, DC, Molly lived most of her life in New Jersey with her husband of 37 years, Jeffrey D. Venezia. She gave birth to two sons, Andrew Louis Venezia in 1982 and Nicholas Lee Venezia in 1984. She found great joy attending most of their athletic events for over two decades, always making close friends in the communities surrounding them. Molly spent countless hours reading, cooking and baking, and exercising on her favorite machines at home or the gym. She spent her life working hard, committed to her successful career in finance. Her laugh was contagious and her and her greatest source of happiness was the happiness of those around her. She had an incomparable will to survive against great odds. A small family funeral was held at Christ Episcopal Church in New Brunswick, New Jersey on December 20, 2018. There is a memorial service planned for May 18 at 11 a.m. at Rutgers Preparatory School in Somerset, New Jersey.

WILKERSON



ANNETTE R. WILKERSON (Age 78)

Of Upper Marlboro, MD, died on Saturday, April 6, 2019. She is survived by two daughters, Tamera Wilkerson and Donleigh Wilkerson; one sister, Ozella Thomas (Carl) and a host of other relatives and friends. Viewing on Wednesday, April 17 from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. at Pope Funeral Home, 5538 Marlboro Pike Forestville, MD. Interment to follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICE

JENKINS



SANDRA PATRICIA JENKINS

Entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Roy Lee Jenkins, Jr. Survived by four devoted children, April Sibley (Roderick), Erica K. Bennett, Roy Lee Jenkins, III "Trey" (Marie), and Kevin A. Jenkins. Also survived by eight grandchildren, Angela "Brooke", Alijah, Alyasia, Roy IV "RJ", Nigel, Asahni, Nyah, and Royal; one great-grandson, Aden; brother, Aaron Wright (Winnie); sister, Agnes Cassell and a host of other relatives and friends. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, April 17 from 10 a.m. until time of open expressions from 10:20 to 10:40 followed by service at 11 a.m. at Ebenezer AME Church, 7707 Allentown Rd., Fort Washington, MD. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Services by HODGES & EDWARDS.

NOAKES



CHARLES LEWIS NOAKES, SR. "Charlie" (Age 83)

A native of Washington, DC, passed away on Friday, April 12, 2019, at his home in Erwin, TN.

Charlie leaves behind to cherish his memory, wife Salina Marie (Hayslett) Noakes; five children; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters; several nieces and nephews.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family and viewed at www.valleyfuneralhome.net. These arrangements are made especially for the family and friends of Charlie through Valley Funeral Home, 1085 N. Main Ave., Erwin, 423-743-9187.

DEATH NOTICE

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WAKE



PATRICIA MCLAURINE WAKE (Age 69)

Answered the call to her Lord and Savior on April 6, 2019 at her home in Bowie, Maryland. Survived by her husband George Vinson Wake and her children Brian (Shani), Dana, and Stacy Wake; and one grandson, Dylan. Viewing will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5120 Whitfield Chapel Rd., Lanham, MD 20706, until service begins at 11 a.m. Interment at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery. Arrangements by J.B. Jenkins Funeral Home of Landover, MD.

WIMBISH



AUBREY KENDALE WIMBISH, JR. "Spanky"

March 14, 1966 - April 5, 2019 Suddenly our dearly beloved transitioned to glory on April 5, 2019. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving family of five children, Aubrey III, Kiera, Angel "Ajay", Joshua and Micah; one grandchild, Deion, Jr., "DJ"; his parents, Yvonne Wimbish and Aubrey K. Wimbish, Sr. (Jennifer); his siblings, Belina "Necey" (Darnell), Steve, Daron, Levitus (Kila), Jessica (Andre, Sr.); a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. The Celebration of Life will be held at Reid Temple AME Church, 11400 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, MD 20769 on April 16, 2019. Gathering 10 a.m. and Celebration 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made to Cashapp \$AKWJ\$4mylegacy. Entrusted to Taylor Funeral Home.

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# THE WEATHER

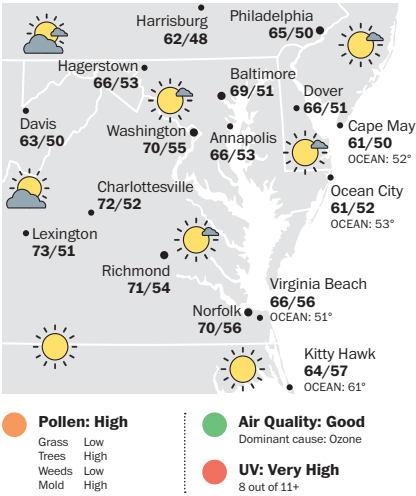
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## Plenty of sunshine



Another beautiful day is ahead. Skies are partly sunny, and winds are lighter. Highs reach the mid-60s to about 70. Winds about 10 to 15 mph early in the day. In the evening, skies are clear to partly cloudy and there's little wind. Lows range from the low to mid-40s in our cooler spots to near 50 downtown.

## REGION



**Blue Ridge:** Today, mostly sunny, breezy. High 58–64. Wind west 7–14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, cool. Low 46–51. Wind west 7–14 mph. Wednesday, partly sunny, warmer. High 62–69. Wind west 4–8 mph. Thursday, partly sunny. High 61–67. Wind south 7–14 mph.

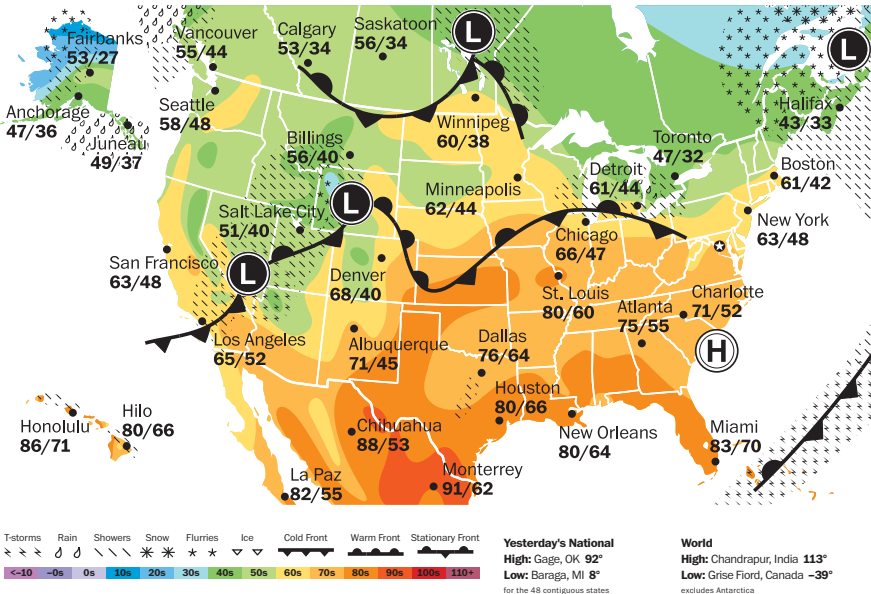
**Atlantic beaches:** Today, mostly sunny, mild. High 61–69. Wind west 7–14 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, breezy. Low 48–57. Wind southwest 7–14 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy, breezy. Wind northeast 7–14 mph. Thursday, variably cloudy. High 64–80.

**Waterways:** *Upper Potomac River:* Today, mostly sunny, breezy. Wind southwest 7–14 knots. Waves 2 feet or less. Visibility good. • *Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay:* Today, mostly sunny. Wind southwest 7–14 knots. Waves 1–2 feet, but as high as 3 feet on the Chesapeake. Visibility unrestricted. • *River Stages:* The stage at Little Falls will be 6.1 feet today, rising to 6.3 feet Wednesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides (High tides in <b>Bold</b> )				
Washington	12:42 a.m.	<b>6:01 a.m.</b>	1:08 p.m.	<b>6:27 p.m.</b>
Annapolis	<b>3:11 a.m.</b>	9:29 a.m.	<b>3:47 p.m.</b>	9:55 p.m.
OCEAN CITY	<b>5:34 a.m.</b>	11:55 a.m.	<b>5:59 p.m.</b>	none
Norfolk	1:20 a.m.	<b>7:41 a.m.</b>	1:53 p.m.	<b>8:07 p.m.</b>
POINT LOOKOUT	5:34 a.m.	<b>11:41 a.m.</b>	6:08 p.m.	none

## NATION

Weather map features for noon today.



NATIONAL	Today	Tomorrow	Des Moines	72/58/c	71/45/r	Oklahoma City	73/63/c	76/51/t
Albany, NY	58/37/pc	62/41/s	Detroit	56/44/r	57/50/r	Omaha	75/59/c	71/45/t
Albuquerque	71/45/pc	59/42/t	El Paso	82/59/s	71/53/t	Orlando	85/63/s	85/66/s
Anchorage	47/36/s	43/33/sh	Fairbanks, AK	53/27/pc	45/28/pc	Philadelphia	65/50/pc	63/49/pc
Atlanta	75/55/s	80/61/s	Fargo, ND	60/42/pc	48/38/r	Phoenix	77/56/t	79/62/s
Austin	80/66/pc	82/60/t	Hartford, CT	61/39/pc	64/41/s	Pittsburgh	64/54/c	70/55/c
Baltimore	69/51/s	64/49/c	Honolulu	86/71/s	86/71/s	Portland, ME	53/36/s	57/35/pc
Billings, MT	56/40/sh	59/42/pc	Houston	80/66/c	79/66/c	Portland, OR	60/49/c	64/50/pc
Birmingham	79/53/s	81/60/s	Indianapolis	73/55/pc	74/57/pc	Providence, RI	60/40/s	60/39/s
Bismarck, ND	63/41/pc	52/37/c	Jackson, MS	80/55/s	79/64/pc	Raleigh, NC	69/52/s	79/57/s
Boise	59/41/c	62/43/pc	Jacksonville, FL	77/57/s	82/63/s	Reno, NV	60/38/pc	71/45/s
Boston	61/42/s	57/42/s	Kansas City, MO	76/60/c	76/46/t	Richmond	71/54/s	77/55/pc
Buffalo	46/35/r	59/48/pc	Las Vegas	68/55/t	78/61/s	Sacramento	68/46/pc	76/51/pc
Burlington, VT	51/33/c	56/36/s	Little Rock	78/59/pc	74/62/c	St. Louis	80/49/c	79/61/s
Charleston, SC	73/52/s	80/62/s	Los Angeles	65/52/pc	74/54/s	St. Thomas, VI	86/76/s	85/76/s
Charleston, WV	76/54/s	80/57/pc	Louisville	77/58/s	79/62/pc	Salt Lake City	51/40/sh	57/41/pc
Charlotte	71/52/s	80/59/s	Miami	76/59/s	76/62/pc	San Diego	66/56/sh	71/57/s
Cheyenne, WY	62/38/c	51/34/sh	Memphis	83/70/s	82/75/pc	San Francisco	63/48/pc	66/49/s
Chicago	66/47/c	68/58/t	Milwaukee	59/41/sh	55/52/r	San Juan, PR	86/74/s	86/74/s
Cincinnati	76/54/s	76/58/pc	Minneapolis	62/44/pc	51/39/r	Seattle	58/48/sh	60/51/pc
Cleveland	63/49/c	66/58/c	Nashville	78/55/s	80/62/pc	Spokane, WA	56/40/pc	59/44/pc
Dallas	76/64/pc	77/58/t	New Orleans	80/64/s	82/69/pc	Syracuse	53/35/pc	61/45/s
Denver	68/40/c	56/37/sh	New York City	63/48/pc	64/50/pc	Tampa	84/66/s	86/69/s
			Norfolk	70/56/s	74/59/pc	Wichita	80/62/c	78/47/t

WORLD	Today	Tomorrow
Addis Ababa	76/56/pc	76/54/pc
Amsterdam	63/49/c	62/48/pc
Athens	65/51/t	65/50/pc
Auckland	68/52/s	68/52/pc
Baghdad	87/65/pc	78/58/s
Bangkok	98/84/t	98/83/pc
Beijing	81/52/pc	84/61/pc
Berlin	57/36/s	61/42/s
Bogota	67/50/r	66/52/r
Brussels	61/48/sh	61/46/sh
Buenos Aires	74/58/s	77/58/pc
Cairo	78/57/s	74/55/pc
Caracas	71/65/t	71/63/pc
Copenhagen	50/36/pc	55/40/s
Dakar	76/65/s	75/67/c
Dublin	52/40/r	54/46/pc
Edinburgh	54/40/c	54/40/pc
Geneva	55/45/sh	68/45/pc
Ham, Bermuda	72/63/pc	70/64/pc
Helsinki	54/30/pc	53/33/s
Ho Chi Minh City	95/82/t	93/82/t

Today	Tomorrow
Hong Kong	79/72/sh
Islamabad	75/64/r
Istanbul	56/44/s
Jerusalem	60/47/t
Johannesburg	73/47/t
Kolkata	56/48/r
Kingston, Jam.	85/76/sh
Lagos	90/78/pc
Lima	76/68/s
Lisbon	66/56/pc
London	58/42/c
Madrid	72/48/c
Manila	95/82/s
Mexico City	84/54/s
Montreal	48/29/pc
Moscow	51/31/s
Mumbai	91/78/pc
Nairobi	84/56/s
New Delhi	91/68/t
Oslo	50/34/pc
Ottawa	49/30/pc
Paris	56/43/r
Prague	58/33/s

Rio de Janeiro	85/72/pc	83/74/t
Riyadh	94/72/pc	97/74/pc
Rome	65/47/pc	66/47/pc
San Salvador	91/71/pc	89/71/pc
Sanjago	81/50/s	82/51/s
Sarajevo	58/29/s	59/35/pc
Seoul	67/43/pc	69/48/pc
Shanghai	65/56/c	81/61/s
Singapore	91/79/pc	91/79/t
Stockholm	53/31/pc	56/32/s
Sydney	75/61/pc	75/61/pc
Taipei City	74/66/r	81/70/pc
Tehran	75/55/pc	76/55/t
Tokyo	65/55/s	65/57/pc
Toronto	47/32/r	52/41/pc
Vienna	60/37/s	60/41/s
Warsaw	55/38/r	63/40/s

**Key:** s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, ec=cloudy, rain, sh=showers, th=thunderstorms, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, fl=flurries.

Sources: AccuWeather.com; US Army Centralized Alergen Extract Lab (pollen data); arrow.gov (air quality data); National Weather Service.

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Imad Skeiky admitted using his cellphone while driving when Officer Luke Allen pulled him over.

## MARYLAND

# Officials ramp up safe driving efforts

BY LYNH BUI

On his way in to work, a woman putting on her makeup while driving almost veered into Luke Allen as he was on the road. After Allen started his police shift, he noticed even more instances of distracted driving: a man in a minivan chatting on the phone, a woman in an SUV munching on a sandwich and another man tapping at his phone to put on music.

"Most people are honest, and they say, 'I'm sorry,'" said Allen, an officer with the Prince George's County police motor unit, about the conversations when he stops them.

Allen was part of a team of Prince George's officers who saturated the county's roads Monday to raise awareness about distracted driving. After 2018 ended with a fatal crash that left three children dead along Indian Head Highway and 2019 started with a crash that killed five children in Bowie, county au-

thorities have ramped up efforts to encourage safer road habits.

"It only takes a second for an awful tragedy to occur," said County Executive Angela D. Alsobrooks, who was out with police Chief Hank Stawinski on Monday pulling over drivers.

Stawinski said in many cases, drivers were trying to do something that they said would "only take a second" — checking a map or looking at a text. But Stawinski warned that glancing at devices, even at a red light, is hazardous.

"Nothing is that pressing that it can't wait for you to pull over," Stawinski said.

County officials are also calling on drivers to make sure they are wearing seat belts and not to get behind the wheel after drinking. In the case of the three children who died in December, police said the man who caused the crash had been under the influence after leaving a football game. In the case of the five children who died in Bowie, the

children were ejected from the crash because they were not in seat belts, police said.

One man has been charged in the crash that killed three. Prince George's County State's Attorney Aisha N. Braveboy said authorities still are investigating the Bowie crash.

"We owe it to our children" to put them in a seat belt or car seat, Braveboy said.

During his shift, Allen spotted a man in a blue minivan with a cellphone to his ear.

"I did wrong, officer," Imad Skeiky immediately admitted. "I'm sorry."

Skeiky had wanted to call his niece quickly to tell her he was on his way, but realized he should not have been on the phone, he said. He got a warning citation along with the other drivers Allen stopped Monday morning.

"I did a stupid mistake," Skeiky said in an interview. "We have to be aware of ourselves."

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# Protests limit Northam on fundraising

NORTHAM FROM B1

Northam canceled on Marsden because the event had drawn protesters, including the Fairfax chapter of the NAACP as well as antiabortion activists. Northam's spokeswoman said the governor opted to skip it out of "safety concerns."

Northam all but disappeared from public view after Feb. 1, when a racist photo surfaced from his 1984 medical school yearbook. He initially apologized but said the next day that it wasn't him in the photo. He did admit, however, that he wore blackface to imitate Michael Jackson for a dance contest in that same year.

In recent weeks, Northam had pushed ahead with some limited public events and wrangled some victories out of the General Assembly.

Spokeswoman Ofirah Yheskel said the governor's decision to stay away from graduations was not a reversal of that trend. He decided weeks ago to skip those ceremonies "out of concern he would pull focus from the achievements of graduates and their families."

Northam, a pediatrician and former state senator, had just marked the end of a successful first year in office when the yearbook photo came to light. It showed two people, one in blackface and another in Ku Klux Klan robes.

National and state Democratic leaders swiftly demanded his resignation, but Northam has refused to step down, saying he will devote the remaining three years of his term to racial equity.

John McGlennon, a professor of government at the College of William & Mary, said he thinks it makes sense for Northam to stay away from graduations for now.

"I don't think it serves his purposes to become the focus of attention," he said. "Much better for him to come back [in future years] ... assuming he's been able to successfully demonstrate that he understands the nature of why people were offended, that we know the full story of what happened all those years ago, and that he's been able to restore his reputation with the electorate."

But McGlennon sees the fundraiser episode as a sign that Democrats will not be able to count on his help in this year's legislative elections, which could prove pivotal.



STEVE HELBER/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam (D) recently canceled an appearance at a fundraiser after the event drew protesters.

Virginia is one of just four states with elections in 2019 and the only one with a competitive race for control of both houses of the legislature.

Republicans hold two-seat majorities in the House of Delegates and the Senate, and all 140 seats are on the ballot in November. While the GOP is trying to hang on to control, Democrats are hoping to flip both chambers.

"Obviously Democrats were hoping the governor was going to be a real asset in legislative elections this year. That's not going to happen," McGlennon said. "I think this is an indication of the problems that will occur for candidates that would have him involved. That doesn't mean they don't want to work with him, doesn't mean he can't continue his rehabilitation. ... This kind of public party leadership is not something he's going to be able to do for the next several months."

Northam's scandal erupted in concert with two others: Attorney General Mark R. Herring (D) admitted to wearing blackface to dress as a rapper as a college freshman; and Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax (D) was accused of sexually assaulting two women in the early 2000s. Fairfax has denied the claims, saying the encounters were consensual.

With the entire executive branch in turmoil, some Democrats decided they had been too hasty in calling

for Northam's resignation. As he began appearing at more public events in recent weeks, Democratic delegates and state senators have been at his side, saying they are willing to work with him.

Whether they would campaign with him has been more uncertain. Republicans have sought to keep the pressure on all three Democratic leaders, making the scandals a centerpiece of their election strategy this year.

Northam's planned appearance at a fundraiser for Marsden might not have posed any risk to the veteran legislator, who hails from a district where Hillary Clinton took 62 percent of the vote in 2016. He has no primary or general election opponent.

The same might be said for Del. Betsy B. Carr (D-Richmond), who has not faced a Republican opponent since 2009. Northam appeared at a fundraiser for her last week, although it was not publicized and therefore drew no protests. Carr is running unopposed in a district where Clinton took 83 percent of the vote.

"This is somebody who doesn't have a contest this November," McGlennon said. "They may have been just trying to test the waters to see if he could become active on the campaign trail. I think they got their answer."

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THE RELIABLE SOURCE

Meghan McCain says her skewering by “Saturday Night Live” is “a huge pop cultural honor.” **c2**

BOOK WORLD

Isabella Hammad’s “The Parisian” takes us back to the Ottoman Empire on the cusp of upheaval. **c4**



CRITIC’S NOTEBOOK

Yo-Yo Ma’s concert at the border Saturday was a beautiful prayer amid an ugly conflict. **c5**



CAROLYN HAX

Some things to ask yourself when you answer a girl who asks, “Don’t I look pretty?” **c8**



CHRIS SORENSEN FOR THE WASHINGTON POST

BY ROBIN GIVHAN

NEW YORK — The bridal wear designer Amsale Aberra was among the first to give women a sleek, restrained alternative to a wedding dress as a sugary confection.

A year ago this month, Aberra died of uterine cancer. The 64-year-old left behind her daughter Rachel Brown, a handpicked design team, and her husband and business partner, Neil Brown, who together are aiming to carry on Aberra’s creative legacy. But even more ambitiously, they are looking to upend the entire bridal wear industry, which typically measures innovation by gradations of off-white to ivory to blush.

Neil Brown wants to change the way brides purchase wedding gowns, transforming the enterprise from a “Say Yes to the Dress” field trip — in which it takes a village to choose between an Empire waist or a trumpet hem — into a luxury online experience.

## In hopes of clicking with brides-to-be

Amsale takes its aesthetics online, where women can customize their luxury gowns

At an Amsale salon in New York, bride Bria Langer wears an example of an Amsale wedding gown that can be customized and ordered online at Amsale x You.

“I see the company transitioning from a fashion company to a fashion technology company,” Brown said one afternoon last fall.

Gathered around a conference table in the brand’s headquarters in New York’s Garment District, he and the Amsale team were explaining their next steps. One wall was covered in a hodgepodge of sticky notes, each one marked with a nugget from a brainstorming session about what brides want and when they want it. Brown, with the help of business and technology consultants, was considering how best to move forward in a time of e-commerce, customer impatience, an emphasis on personalized experiences and the ominous reality that David’s Bridal — the country’s largest bridal gown retailer — had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, from which it has since emerged.

“So many in this industry see technology as a support function for

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CRITIC’S NOTEBOOK

## Matisse’s personal view of Notre Dame

BY SEBASTIAN SMEE

The fire that raged through Notre Dame has made us all look at this great cathedral differently. There’s no getting around it. If you have ever been to Paris, chances are you’re furiously ransacking your memories, digging back into past sensations and worrying about what lies ahead.

In 1914, months before the outbreak of a catastrophic war, Henri Matisse was doing the same.

That year, the artist and his wife, Amélie, abandoned plans to go to Morocco and moved instead into a modest apartment with a view of Notre Dame, on the Quai Saint-Michel in Paris.

Matisse was 44. He had lived in the same building, one floor up, for years, beginning in 1899. In fact, apart from seven years of family life, he had spent his whole adult life living with this same view over the River Seine toward Paris’s most famous cathedral.

Back then, at the turn of the century, he had painted Notre Dame in broken impressionist brushstrokes (thinking, perhaps, of Monet’s great paintings of the facade of Rouen Cathedral) and as a ghostly, mauve silhouette under a light blue sky.

No details in that one. It was a strangely casual way to treat so grand a building. Matisse was acting with the heretical nonchalance of a radical painter, yes, but also with the nonchalance of a lover, of someone who knows something intimately and can treat it as a given, a birthright, SEE NOTEBOOK ON C3

VORACIOUSLY

## St. Louis has no beef with veggie Whoppers

BY TIM CARMAN

ST. LOUIS — The Gateway Arch, that soaring stainless-steel rainbow hard by the Mississippi River, stands as a 630-foot monument to an idea that was controversial even in 19th-century America: that this Midwestern city would serve as a starting point to a new life out West, where people could escape the problems of their past.

If all goes according to Burger King’s master plan, St. Louis could again serve as a gateway to a new life, this one with less beef in the American diet, which in turn could help reduce the many environmental impacts that raising cattle has on our vulnerable planet. The fast-food chain is testing its Impossible Whopper in the greater metro area here, and if the meatless hamburger proves a success in St. Louis, Burger King will roll out the sandwich to all of its 7,200 locations nationwide.

Such an expansion would make mock-meat hamburgers available in almost every corner of the country, far more available

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Which is which? A regular Burger King Whopper, left, and the new Impossible Whopper.

THEATER REVIEW

## At Arena Stage, Ayad Akhtar’s ‘Junk’ deserves a AAA rating

BY PETER MARKS

More power to Thomas Keegan, the lanky, clean-cut actor who looks like a member of an Ivy League crew team but on this occasion seems the very model of a modern major bottom feeder. As a corrupt Wall Street takeover artist who mounts a hostile bid for an august American corporation, Keegan lends satisfyingly amoral dissonance to Ayad Akhtar’s financial-crimes procedural “Junk.”

The last time Akhtar was represented at Arena Stage, it was with his Pulitzer-winning drama “Disgraced,” about a Muslim American lawyer flummoxed by conflicting cultural loyalties. “Junk” — a deep plunge into the high-yield-bonds fiasco of the late 1980s, which landed junk-bond king Michael Milken in prison — lacks some of the engrossing cultural crosscurrents that made “Disgraced” so dramatically potent.

But Akhtar has also tightened “Junk” since its New York debut at the Lincoln Center Theater in 2017.

The result is a more easily digested and absorbing treatment of how a clever debt manipulator — in the guise of Keegan’s Robert Merkin — managed to gut a company and subvert investment norms to grandly enrich himself and his confederates.

So if you’re inclined to immerse yourself in a lesson about how cherished American values such as playing fair and honest labor can be vanquished by a shady mastermind, “Junk” is your ticket. Director Jackie Maxwell, former artistic head of the Shaw Festival in Canada, opts for minimal trappings on Arena’s Fichandler Stage, letting Akhtar’s muscular prose do the talking. It’s a far more successful handling than that of the original production, which isolated the characters — coldly — in an elaborate, two-tiered grid that subdivided rather than serviced the progress of malevolent events.

Under Maxwell’s direction, desks and characters flow in through the

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Thomas Keegan, left, with “Junk” co-star Perry Young, wraps his character’s complex psyche in choirboy earnestness.

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## In McCain’s view, SNL parody is an ‘honor’

Politicians responding to being impersonated on “Saturday Night Live” is nothing new. Sometimes they seem pleased, such as when **President George H.W. Bush** both invited **Dana Carvey** to the White House to perform his impression and appeared on the show himself, playing along with it. Lately, though, **President Trump**, the show’s primary target, has taken a more negative view of the comedic institution, to put it mildly.

**Meghan McCain** took a different approach than the current president’s after she was impersonated by **Aidy Bryant** on Saturday’s episode. That probably shouldn’t be too surprising, considering she’s the daughter of one of Trump’s favorite punching bags, the late senator **John McCain** (R-Ariz.).

“I’m not supposed to be on twitter because of hiatus BUT this sketch is hilarious, and being parodied by @SNL is a huge pop cultural honor,” McCain tweeted, adding a reference to the sketch. “Signed, your old intern and ‘the princess of Arizona.’”

The sketch in question was a comedic rendering of “The View.” The bit’s primary take on the right-wing McCain centered on her frequent clashes with the left-leaning **Joy Behar**, perfectly portrayed on the show by **Kate McKinnon**. The show’s McCain introduces herself forcefully, launching immediately into an argument with Behar.

“Can, can I just say something? As the princess of Arizona, there is a crisis at the border, and the border is right up in my Arizona, which was founded on sunburned women selling turquoise jewelry, not rando Mexicans,” McCain says. “And that’s not racist, because my makeup artist is gay.”

The feisty exchange that follows between Behar and McCain is a near-faithful re-creation of one that has occurred in real life. But while McCain praised the sketch, the real-life Behar had a slightly more muted response to the segment. “Finally an actual female



Meghan McCain took to Twitter to praise SNL’s parody of “The View.”

is playing me,” she tweeted. “Thank you Kate.” In the past, that role was filled by **Fred Armisen**. — *Travis M. Andrews*



## Soccer star likes Ginsburg’s game face

Signed, sealed, delivered: a personal letter to pro soccer player **Becky Sauerbrunn** from Supreme Court Justice **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, thanking the athlete and the rest of the U.S. women’s national team for the gift of a personalized jersey.

Sauerbrunn posted a photo of the letter to Twitter on Friday with the caption “Notorious” — a nod to Ginsburg’s viral pop-culture moniker, “Notorious RBG.”

Sauerbrunn, a defensive player, sent Ginsburg the special jersey after sporting it during the SheBelieves Cup match on March 2 (and, presumably, after washing it). During the match, in honor of Women’s History Month, each player chose to represent a woman who inspired her. The names of other notable female figures, such as astronaut **Sally Ride**, singer **Beyoncé**

and local basketball star **Elena Delle Donne**, were also emblazoned on the back of players’ jerseys.

“For the surprise package received today, huge thanks,” Ginsburg wrote. “I am proud to be among the women chosen for recognition in the 2019 SheBelieves game against England.”

Ginsburg, praised by her fans for being tough both mentally and physically, added, “The jersey will be my favorite for the biweekly workouts that keep me in shape.”

In a news release from the U.S. Soccer Federation, Sauerbrunn explained why she chose to pay tribute to the justice. “She’s a complete rock star,” she said. “Dissenting opinion, battling cancer and then showing up to vote . . . what can’t she do?”

— *Sarah Potus*



Ginsburg



Carson Kressley

**HEY, ISN’T THAT . . . ?**

Comedian **Chelsea Handler** and OG “Queer Eye” member **Carson Kressley** grabbing cocktails in Dupont Circle on Saturday night?

Handler, author of the new book “Life Will Be the Death of Me,” linked up with Kressley (who was in town for a club appearance), gathered some friends and headed to the new Doyle Bar at the Dupont Circle Hotel. The group were fresh from Handler’s “sit-down comedy tour” held at the Warner



Chelsea Handler

Theatre with special guest **Jake Tapper**, who did not join in on the after-show fun, we’re told.

Kressley, who was the resident style guru on “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy,” dubbed the new bar’s decor “delicious” in a post on Instagram. The party stayed for about an hour at a table overlooking the circle and were spotted clinking glasses of white wine. Afterward, Kressley headed to Soundcheck on K Street to host a weekly drag show.

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## With Amsale x You, brides-to-be can customize luxe gowns with a few clicks

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what we do, but it’s really a place of creativity that’s complementary to what we do,” Brown said.

Several months later — after layoffs and the launch of Amsale e-commerce, which Brown said has grown rapidly — the company is launching Amsale x You.

Shoppers can go online and design their own wedding dresses — within the tasteful confines of the Amsale aesthetic. “We’re not just decorating a sneaker,” Brown said during a recent demonstration of the site. “We’re inviting the bride into our design room and sharing our intellectual property with her so she can express her own design impulses.”

A bride can select her dress’s bodice and skirt and add a wisp of a belt. She can pick from size 0 to 24, mixing and matching different-size tops and bottoms for an optimum fit. It won’t matter if a customer chooses tulle or silk faille, long sleeves or strapless — the cost is a flat fee of \$5,000, which counts as a bargain in Designerville, since custom gowns ordered through Amsale’s Madison Avenue salon would start at about \$10,000. The dress is made to order and shipped out in four weeks.

The site officially launched Friday, as the brand debuts its spring 2020 bridal collection on the runway here.

It all sounds wildly efficient and stress free — except for that part about imagining what the dress will look like in real life, worrying that the dress won’t be as flattering as you thought or coming to grips with the reality that contrary to what you have firmly believed since, well, forever — you actually hate tulle. What on earth possessed you to buy a custom tulle wedding dress that night you were sitting at home alone with a glass of wine and your wildest fantasies? *What were you thinking?*

In other words: The proposition has a few hurdles.

Eventually shoppers will be able to create a personalized avatar with their exact measurements. More bodices and skirts from the company’s vast pattern archive will be added for even more dress possibilities — but really, even today, while silhouettes and beading may vary, it’s still all about a traditional white dress.

Brown said that about 25 per-



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**TOP:** At an Amsale salon in New York, Bria Langer models a dress from the Amsale x You line. **ABOVE:** Terry Hall, head of retail and business development for Amsale, helps Langer with her wedding gown.

cent of brides were responsible for about 75 percent of wedding spending, and the Amsale customer is firmly within that category. He figures, if shoppers are willing to go to websites such as Net-a-Porter, Mytheresa and Matches and spend \$4,000 and \$5,000 on designer dresses, surely they will be willing to do the same for their wedding. Perhaps. Probably.

Amsale would not be the first to offer custom-made gowns online, but it would be at the top of the price range and offer a singular design point of view. At the website Anomalie, a team of designers helps shoppers through a months-long process

that offers wide aesthetic latitude and a liberal return policy, and the site advertises that most dresses cost \$1,000 to \$1,500. Others offering such services include Bluethread and a host of Etsy entrepreneurs.

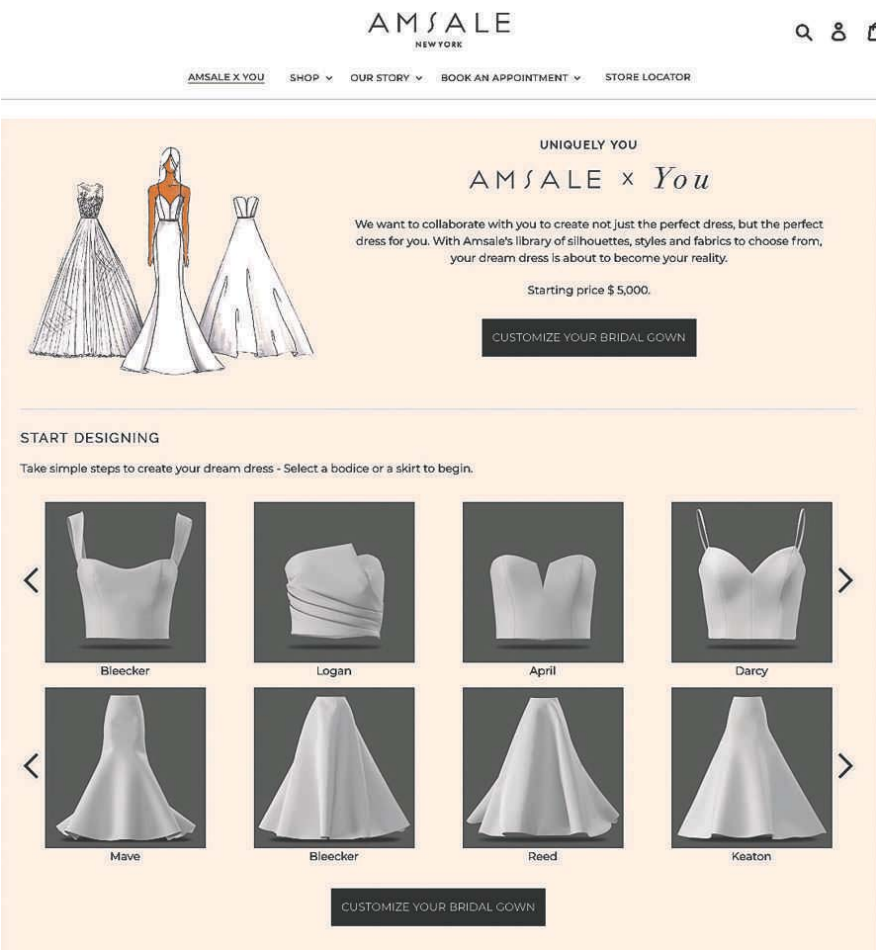
But a wedding dress is not a gala gown or a cocktail frock. It’s a singularly symbolic garment that speaks of girl squads and multigenerational bonding. The dress sets the tone of the wedding as much as the location and even more than the flowers, the cake, the everything else. The bride-in-the-dress serves as the day’s big reveal, the moment of anticipation, the embodiment of overflowing emotion.

Shopping for the dress is a social outing that includes the bride, her mother, her friends and anyone else she considers part of her inner circle — or simply in possession of good taste. The dress is not a solo event; it’s a shared experience, both fraught and celebratory. It’s an adventure to be documented on Instagram.

Thus, Brown doesn’t just want to change the way Amsale dresses are sold; he wants to change the cultural perception of the wedding dress itself, which is akin to changing the way in which brides — and women — see themselves individually and in relation to each other. That point of view has remained stubbornly static over the years: *Have you picked out your dress? What are you going to wear? Let’s discuss.*

The seed for the Amsale brand was planted more than 30 years ago. Aberra, a graduate of the Fashion Institute of Technology, sketched her own wedding dress in 1985 as a matter of necessity. The kind of restrained, sophisticated gown she wanted didn’t readily exist; wedding dresses had a fairy-tale-princess complex. Aberra’s dress, elegant with a chiffon bodice, was the foundation on which she and Brown built their company, and its aesthetic signified a shift in thinking: A woman did not have to redefine herself just because she was a bride. Instead, her dress could reflect the woman she had always been.

Amsale gowns, at their best, exude special-occasion joyfulness but with a grown-up, refined air. They are crafted with strong lines and judicious embellishments, rather than an overabundance of ruffles, crystals and beading.



On Amsale’s website, brides-to-be can design a luxury wedding gown for \$5,000.

They are the equivalent of a perfectly calibrated martini rather than sweet cocktails.

Amsale opened the door for brands such as Vera Wang and Monique Lhuillier. Their designers ultimately eclipsed Aberra in name recognition thanks to their ready-to-wear collections, which regularly appeared on the red carpet.

Can the company lead another shift?

Today, brides have an endless supply of Pinterest design inspiration. Finding a dress — or a jumpsuit or a suit — that reflects their personality is not the high hurdle it once was. The challenge is doing so conveniently, at a reasonable price and in a multi-

tude of sizes.

Many millennials are planning their weddings online and pre-gaming wedding attire before they even get engaged. And plenty of women skip the designated bridal gowns and simply buy a great party dress with the click of a button because they’re more excited about their destination wedding than Swarovski crystals on silk organza.

There are plans for Amsale x You to include an option for an online group shopping experience — a kind of e-commerce meets Google Docs meets FaceTime. But a virtual gaggle is not quite the same as giving a bunch of sample dresses a real-life spin in front of an audience of besties

sipping champagne.

To take advantage of a full online shopping experience means, ultimately, going it alone. That’s not necessarily bad. Many brides might prefer it. They may have been dreading the tradition of dress shopping by committee.

Just as it was something of a revolution when women shunned the wedding gown frippery, it may be a 21st-century revolution to declare one’s shopping independence. To refuse the groupthink and the solicitous sales representative. Solitary contemplation in front of a laptop may be its own special joy.

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# Meat-free in St. Louis: The Impossible Whopper satisfies the Show Me State

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than they are now at smaller chains such as Red Robin, White Castle and Carl's Jr. Burger King could give millions of Americans who crave a hamburger the option of purchasing one that, unlike the crumbly vegetarian patties of the past, reportedly looks and tastes much more like beef.

So is the Impossible Whopper any good? Answering this question was my mission in St. Louis, a city (perhaps) selected as a test market precisely because it's not on the East or West coasts, where a large segment of the population is already attuned to the environmental and animal welfare issues animating meat alternatives such as the Impossible Burger. That was Adam Kreger's theory, at least. He's a student at the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis, where he's studying animal rights. He was, like me, waiting on an Impossible Whopper.

I was there, of course, to sample the burger and decide whether Burger King has a hit on its hands, one worth replicating in stores across the land. It's admittedly an odd, illogical task: judging whether a company should do its part to save Earth based on how good a product tastes. It's sort of like deciding whether you should recycle plastic based on your opinion of a bottle's design. That thing is uuug-ly. Toss it on the streets!

The choice should be obvious, right? You pick the option that does the most good.

But business doesn't operate that way. No company will invest in a product that consumers don't want, even one with such a potential upside for the environment. The early word from St. Louis, however, is encouraging for Burger King and, at least in this particular instance, the future of planet Earth. Consumer demand is high for the Impossible Whopper, according to several employees I spoke with over the counter. Some locations have sold out of their supply and have had to reorder cases of the patties produced by Impossible Foods.

At a Burger King in the Academy neighborhood, the store has already sold out, twice, in the week or so since the Impossible Whopper was introduced, said assistant manager Nikiesha Harvey. People have been calling and coming in from all parts of the country to order one, or a dozen, some as far away as California and Florida, she said.

"I couldn't tell the difference, and I was shocked myself," Harvey said about the Impossible Whopper (which runs \$5.59 in



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Impossible Foods research technician Alexia Yue pours heme solution into the plant-based Impossible Burger mix in Redwood City, Calif.

the St. Louis market, a full dollar more than the standard Whopper). She served one to her husband and son, who couldn't taste the difference, either.

Part of this trickeration can be attributed to Impossible Foods, the San Francisco Bay-area start-up that this year rolled out a new formula for its plant-based patties. The company has substituted soy protein for wheat protein to give the patty a more beeflike texture. It has also added methyl cellulose, a plant-based binder, to make the burger juicier. And this is in addition to the not-so-secret ingredient, heme, which Impossible Foods produces by injecting the DNA of a soy plant into genetically engineered yeast, which is then fermented.

All this science is concealed in a patty that doesn't look too far removed from the ground-beef version, especially after both are run under Burger King's signature charbroiler. Both beef and plant-based patties are branded



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Impossible Sliders at a White Castle restaurant in St. Louis.

with black parallel stripes, the grill marks that are as much a part of Burger King's identity as that royal mascot with the perpetually creepy smile. I should note the chain also offers a vegan, mayo-less Impossible

Whopper, whose patty is cooked in a microwave to ensure no meat particles from the charbroiler contaminate it. It's an ashen-looking patty, unappetizing on its face, though tasty enough within its Whopper confines.

vored protein disc, which the Impossible version has no problem mimicking. In fact, I'd argue the Impossible Whopper patty, all by itself, has more flavor than the meaty one.

I was reminded of this during a side trip to White Castle, where the chain sells an Impossible Slider. At a location in the St. Louis suburbs, I placed an order of four original sliders and four of the Impossible knockoffs, each slipped into a tiny branded cardboard sleeve, generating the kind of waste usually reserved for family picnics. I ordered the sliders with griddled onions and pickles only, no cheese, to better taste the patties.

The White Castle crew told me three times that it would take an extra 10 minutes to prepare the Impossible Sliders — "maybe longer," noted the cashier — because they were understaffed. I said that wasn't a problem, but when the mini-burgers were ready, the Impossible Sliders were almost naked underneath their pillowy buns. A few lonely caramelized onions clung to the bottom of the patties. Without the sweet pungency of those browned onions — and, obviously, without Burger King's grill flavor — the Impossible patties were the main attraction, a mixed blessing. The mock meat is thicker than the original White Castle patty, this thin, sickly slab that looks as if it was sliced off a processed loaf. The Impossible patty is also an umami bomb, like soy sauce in solid form.

The Impossible Slider is a stark reminder that, no matter how savory the plant-based patty may be, it's still not beef.

After eating more than a dozen Impossible-branded burgers in St. Louis — including Red Robin's thick-cut version, which had none of the chin-dribbling juices you desire from a big, sloppy grilled hamburger — I've come to the conclusion that the producer of this meat alternative is a master illusionist.

After one bite, you swear the Impossible patty tastes just like beef. After a second bite, you begin to sense the illusion behind the science. After a third, you're ready to invest in the whole enterprise. With time, the illusion becomes its own alternative reality: The product is close enough to beef that your brain is willing to fill in the rest of the flavors, even if somewhere in the dark recesses of your cerebral cortex, you know it's all a lie.

America, get ready for the Impossible Whopper. I suspect it will be coming your way soon, once it passes through St. Louis.

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From left, Edward Gero, Thomas Keegan and Jonathan David Martin in "Junk."

## 'Junk' is rich with stellar acting

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corner entrances of the Fichandler space, moving us fleetly through the story of Merkin's bloodless assault on an underperforming, family-run manufacturing company, led by Edward Gero's Thomas Everson Jr. As with many of the supporting performances on this occasion, Gero's mournful, beleaguered CEO carries a magnitude of authenticity that the original production never encompassed. The impression extends to other incisive portrayals such as that of Jonathan David Martin, as the rapacious executive frontman for Merkin's scheme; Elan Zafir, in the role of a slippery financial middleman; Kashayna Johnson, playing a corporate double-dealer; Lise Bruneau, as a frustrated adviser to the hidebound Everson; and David Andrew Macdonald, portraying a millionaire investor who goes up against Merkin and his attack on Everson's company.

Just to make clear that this large cast forms an across-the-board smooth operation, allow me also to name Nancy Sun, in a turn as an opportunistic Wall Street

journalist; Michael Glenn, playing yet another bad seed in Merkin's garden; and Shanara Gabrielle, as Merkin's enabler of a wife.

And I haven't even mentioned Michael Russotto, who plays a lily-livered, easily seduced investor who has eyes only for his payout.

It's important to tick off the names because "Junk" really is at its heart a mosaic of turpitude. It's "Law and Order" without the order. As Akhtar would have it, even the good guys live in a world of moral ambiguity. We catch sight of the intense U.S. attorney for New York's Southern District (Nicholas Baroudi) who not only pursues Merkin but also rubs political elbows with some of the rich bad eggs who are allied with him. The dramatist also plants the idea here that the old line prejudices of Wall Street — traditionally barring social and financial doors to Jews like Merkin (or Milkmen) — have contributed to the illegal pushback. When smart players eager to enter the game feel as if the deck is stacked against them, Akhtar seems to be asking, is it not the American way to seek to reshuffle it?

Keegan capably shoulders the bulk of the weight of unprincipled behavior here. As he did as the closeted gay Mormon lawyer in the Round House/Olney Theatre revival of "Angels in America" a few years ago, the actor here manages to wrap a complex psyche in choirboy earnestness. Only by degree do we sense how completely Merkin's impulse to dominate, to conquer, and to hell with the consequences, compels the character. Which makes Keegan a compelling vessel himself. Like other actors with a talent for putting a benign, even boyish, mask over unclean intentions, Keegan would be well-advised to keep in touch with the devil he knows.

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**Junk**, by Ayad Akhtar. Directed by Jackie Maxwell. Set, Misha Kachman; costumes, Judith Bowden; lighting, Jason Lyons; sound, Darron L West; fight director, Lewis Shaw. With Jaben Early, Perry Young. About 2 hours 10 minutes. \$41-\$105. Through May 5 at Arena Stage, 1101 Sixth St. SW. 202-488-3300. arenastage.org.

## Matisse's vision of Notre Dame

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without a tourist's self-conscious reverence.

More than a decade later, the artist returned to the subject, with results that remain indelible — and haunt the psyche on a day like today.

Matisse was happy to be back in a part of Paris he loved. His chronic insomnia had shown signs of abating. He wanted, wrote his biographer Hilary Spurling, to strip his life "back to essentials."

First, in oil paint so thin it reads as watercolor, he painted the same view, from the same position on the Quai Saint-Michel and with the same diagonal strip of the Seine cutting across the lower half of the canvas.

Then, he did something so radical he didn't understand it himself. In fact, he refrained from exhibiting this second "View of Notre-Dame," 1914, for 35 years, when his fears were confirmed. It was regarded as "an unfinished sketch to which Matisse had unaccountably signed his name."

Matisse had reduced the cathedral to a shell, a linear scaffolding. He drew and redrew this shell, as if teaching himself its basic structure. He left evidence of his erased lines as he put down new ones, as if the painting were less a picture than a palimpsest, piled up layers of memory and sensation.

He then lightly smeared blue paint across not only the building's facade, but also across the entire canvas. Apart from black, the only other color he allowed was an oval-shaped patch of green, representing a tree or large bush in front of the cathedral.

All over the canvas, but especially around the building, you can still see evidence of scratch-



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Henri Matisse's second "View of Notre-Dame," 1914.

ing and scraping and incising lines.

Was it a painting of Notre Dame?

Not exactly. But neither was it abstract.

A painting, Matisse saw, was something, like memory itself, that was hard-won, boiled down, licked by fire. It needed to be built and rebuilt, and it was always changing in the minds of those who saw and loved it.

"Everything must be constructed," Matisse told collector Sarah Stein — "built up of parts that

make a unit . . . a human body like a cathedral."

Above all, you could say, Matisse was attempting to represent in paint a process we're all involved in now, as we contemplate a triumph of human faith, community, genius and sublime beauty that no longer exists as it did just yesterday.

What was that process? The overflow of remembered sensations into present ones.

In that overflow, surely, there is hope.

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# TELEVISION

## TV HIGHLIGHTS



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**Bless This Mess** (ABC at 9:30) Newlywed couple Mike (Dax Shepard) and Rio (Lake Bell) trade their life in the big city for a simpler one on a farm in Nebraska, but things take an unexpected turn.

**American Housewife** (ABC at 8) Katie strikes up a deal with the girls about cellphones.

**The Bold Type** (Freeform at 8) Kat tries to save her favorite bar from destruction by throwing a fundraiser.

**Black-ish** (ABC at 9) Dre volunteers as chaperone for the school dance so he can make sure Jack doesn't get into trouble.

**Chopped** (Food at 9) The chefs have to cook from a basket of ingredients that includes squab.

**NCIS: New Orleans** (CBS at 10) Elvis Bertrand goes to Pride for help regarding his daughter.

**The Last O.G.** (TBS at 10:30) Tray and Bobby try to help an elderly lady.

**PREMIERE**  
**30 for 30: Seau** (ESPN at 9) A documentary look at the late football legend Junior Seau.  
— Sarah Polus

**RETURNING**  
**The Big Interview With Dan Rather** (AXS at 8) Season 9.

### LATE NIGHT

**Conan** (TBS at 11) Taylor Tomlinson.

**Busy Tonight/Philipps** (E! at 11) Robin Tunney.

**Tonight Show/Fallon** (NBC at 11:34) Alex Rodriguez, Ashley Benson, Jade Bird.

**Late Show/Colbert** (CBS at 11:35) Laurie Metcalf, Ramy Youssef, Cage the Elephant.

**Jimmy Kimmel Live** (ABC at 11:35) Martin Short, Katie Stevens, Christine and the Queens.

**Late Late Show/Corden** (CBS at 12:37) Rob Lowe, Elle Fanning, Blood Orange.

**Late Night/Meyers** (NBC at 12:37) Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Mark Hamill, Ashley Longshore.

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4.2 WRC (IND)	Little House on the Prairie		Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	Frasier	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
5.1 WTTG (Fox)	Fox 5	• <b>TMZ</b>	• <b>MasterChef</b>		• <b>Mental Samurai</b>		<b>Fox 5 News at Ten</b>		<b>News</b>	The Final 5
7.1 WJLA (ABC)	• <b>Wheel</b>	• <b>J'pardy!</b>	• <b>Housewife</b>	• <b>Kids</b>	• <b>blackish</b>	• <b>Bless This</b>	• <b>The Rookie</b>		<b>News</b>	• <b>Kimmel</b>
9.1 WUSA (CBS)	Off Script	• <b>ET</b>	• <b>NCIS</b>		• <b>FBI</b>		• <b>NCIS: New Orleans</b>		<b>9 News</b>	• <b>Colbert</b>
14.1 WFDC (UNI)	• <b>La Rosa de Guadalupe</b>		Jesús		Doña Flor y sus dos		Por amar sin ley		Noticias	• <b>Noticiero</b>
20.1 WDCA (MNTV)	• Family Feud	• Family Feud	<b>Fox 5 News</b>	• <b>FamFeud</b>	<b>Fox 5 News</b>	• <b>FamFeud</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	• Chicago P.D.	
22.1 WMPT (PBS)	Farm-Harvest	Outdoors	• Finding Your Roots		• <b>Reconstruction: America After the Civil War</b>		• <b>Amanpour-Co</b>		• <b>Amanpour-Co</b>	
26.4 WETA (PBS)	<b>PBS NewsHour</b>		Finding Your Roots		<b>Reconstruction: America After the Civil War</b>		• <b>Amanpour-Co</b>		• <b>Amanpour-Co</b>	
32.1 WHUT (PBS)	DW News	• <b>Old House</b>	America ReFramed		Arab		Democracy Now!		World News	Healthy
50.1 WDCW (CW)	• blackish	• blackish	• <b>The Flash</b>		• <b>Roswell, New Mexico</b>		• DailyMailTV	• Seinfeld	Mike & Molly	Two Men
66.1 WPXW (ION)	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Private Eyes	
CABLE CHANNELS										
<b>A&amp;E</b>	The First 48		Hunting JonBenét's Killer: The Untold Story		(10:01) The Killing of JonBenet: Her Father Speaks					
<b>AMC</b>	(5:30) Movie: Escape Plan		Movie: Gran Torino ★★★ (2008)		(10:35) Movie: Gran Torino ★★★ (2008)					
<b>Animal Planet</b>	North Woods Law		<b>North Woods Law</b>	(9:01) <b>North Woods Law</b>	(10:02) North Woods Law		(11:02) North Woods Law			
<b>BET</b>	Madeda's	Movie: National Security ★★ (2003)			Boomerang	Boomerang	Martin	Martin		
<b>Bravo</b>	Real Housewives/Beverly		Real Housewives/Beverly		<b>Real Housewives</b>		<b>Mexican Dynasties</b>		<b>Watch</b>	Housewives
<b>Cartoon Network</b>	Gumball	We Bare	Samurai Jack	Amer. Dad	Burgers		Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Rick, Morty
<b>CNN</b>	<b>Erin Burnett OutFront</b>		<b>Anderson Cooper 360</b>		<b>Cuomo Prime Time</b>		<b>CNN Tonight</b>		<b>CNN Tonight</b>	
<b>Comedy Central</b>	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	<b>Tosh.0</b>	<b>Jefferies</b>	Daily Show	Tosh.0
<b>Discovery</b>	<b>Deadliest Catch</b>		<b>Deadliest Catch</b>		<b>Deadliest Catch</b>		• <b>Gold Rush: D. Turin</b>		• <b>Gold Rush: D. Turin</b>	
<b>Disney</b>	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Jessie	Jessie	Sydney-Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Raven
<b>E!</b>	<b>E! News</b>		Movie: The Waterboy ★ (1998)				The Kardashians		<b>Busy</b>	Waterboy
<b>ESPN</b>	<b>SportsCenter Special</b>		<b>NFL</b>	<b>Rookie</b>	30 for 30				<b>SportsCenter</b> (Live)	
<b>ESPN2</b>	NFL Live		Boxing		Countdown	UFC	<b>Road To</b>	Rookie	College Football	
<b>Food Network</b>	Chopped		Chopped		<b>Chopped</b>		Chopped		Chopped	
<b>Fox News</b>	<b>The Story With Martha</b>		<b>Tucker Carlson Tonight</b>		<b>Hannity</b>		<b>The Ingraham Angle</b>		<b>Fox News at Night</b>	
<b>Freeform</b>	(5:30) Sweet Home Alabama		<b>The Bold Type</b>		(9:01) Movie: A Bug's Life ★★★ (1998)				The 700 Club	
<b>FX</b>	(5:30) Lucy	Movie: Split ★★★ (2016)					<b>Fosse/Verdon</b>		(11:02) Fosse/Verdon	
<b>Hallmark</b>	(6:00) A Ring by Spring		Movie: Bottled With Love (2019)				Movie: Campfire Kiss (2017)			
<b>Hallmark M&amp;M</b>	Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Aurora Teagarden Mysteries				Murder, She Wrote	
<b>HBO</b>	Wyatt Cenac	<b>VICE</b>	Movie: Collateral ★★★ (2004)				Barry	Game of Thrones	Veep	
<b>HGTV</b>	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		<b>Restored</b>	<b>Restored</b>	<b>Hunters</b>	<b>Hunt Intl</b>	Hunters	Hunters
<b>History</b>	The Curse of Oak Island		<b>Digging Deeper</b>		<b>Curse-Island</b>		<b>Lost Gold-WWII</b>		The Curse of Oak Island	
<b>Lifetime</b>	Married at First Sight		<b>Married at First Sight</b>		<b>Married at First Sight</b>			(10:33) Married at First Sight		
<b>MASN</b>	<b>MLB Baseball</b> : San Francisco Giants at Washington Nationals (Live)						<b>Nats</b>	<b>ESPNWS</b>	<b>Walker</b>	<b>MLB Baseball</b>
<b>MSNBC</b>	<b>Hardball Matthews</b>		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show		<b>The Last Word</b>		<b>The 11th Hour</b>	
<b>MTV</b>	Teen Mom 2		<b>Teen Mom</b>		(9:01) Double Shot at Love With DJ Pauly D and Vinny				Catfish: The TV Show	
<b>Nat'l Geographic</b>	Explorer		Inside the Green Berets		<b>Nazi Megastructures</b>		<b>Superstructures</b>		Nazi Megastructures	
<b>NBC SportsNet WA</b>	Caps Postgame Live		Overtime	Caps Journey	Redskins	Draft Sp.	<b>D.C.</b>	Caps Journey	Redskins	Redskins 100
<b>Nickelodeon</b>	Loud House	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	The Office	The Office	Friends	Friends
<b>PARMT</b>	Mom	Mom	Movie: John Wick ★★★ (2014)					Movie: John Wick ★★★ (2014)		
<b>Syfy</b>	Movie: Limitless ★★ (2011)				Movie: Fast & Furious ★★ (2009)				Futurama	Futurama
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	<b>Last O.G.</b>	<b>Conan</b>	Last O.G.
<b>TCM</b>	(5:30) The Sundowners		Movie: The Gold Rush ★★★ (1925)		(9:45) Movie: Gettysburg ★★★ (1993)					
<b>TLC</b>	Say Yes to the Dress		<b>Little People, Big World</b>		<b>Little People, Big World</b>		<b>7 Little Johnstons</b>		Sweet Home Sextuplets	
<b>TNT</b>	(5:30) Movie: Godzilla ★★		<b>NBA Basketball</b> : Orlando Magic at Toronto Raptors (Live)				<b>NBA Basketball</b> : Thunder at Trail Blazers			
<b>Travel</b>	Expedition Unknown		<b>Legendary Locations</b>		<b>Legendary Locations</b>		<b>Legendary Locations</b>		Expedition Unknown	
<b>TruTV</b>	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	<b>Jokes</b>	<b>A. Sedaris</b>	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
<b>TV Land</b>	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Raymond	Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	King	King
<b>TV One</b>	Cosby Show	Cosby Show	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	<b>The DL Hughley Show</b>	
<b>USA Network</b>	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	<b>WWE SmackDown!</b> (Live)				<b>Miz &amp; Mrs</b>	<b>Chrisley</b>	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew		Black Ink Crew		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta		T.I. & Tiny: Friends	
<b>WNC8</b>	Opioids: A National Crisis		Govt. Matters	On Your Side	<b>Sports</b>	World News	<b>WJLA 24/7 News at 10</b>		Govt. Matters	On Your Side
<b>WGN</b>	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing

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## BOOK WORLD

# A first-time novelist who’s long on talent and even longer of windedness

BY CHARLES FINCH

There are moments of such lyric beauty in “The Parisian,” Isabella Hammad’s debut novel, that you want what they describe to be permanently closed, hers to be the final word. The book begins aboard a ship bound for France, and in these few pages alone she flicks off with seemingly effortless grace the dreamy sensation of being on deck (“the wind harassed the tassels on their parasols”) and the careful process of smoking there (“he cupped his hands over a cigarette, shook a match free of its flame, and held the lit end in his palm”).

Unfortunately, the novel is perhaps the single art form hardest to conquer through sheer talent. While neither poets nor songwriters nor painters have to confront the problem of duration unless they wish to do so, even a short novel asks hours of its readers. As for a long one, it has no chance of success without merits beyond its prose. “The Parisian” is worthy, sincere, generous — and grievously dull, a tale whose flares of energy are buried beneath a gnarled, inexpert narrative.



**THE PARISIAN**  
By Isabella Hammad  
Grove Press.  
576 pp. \$27

Nearly halfway into the book, there is a description of black coffee trembling and flashing in the sunlight. As an image, it has a swift, beautiful clarity of expression — which by then only serves to highlight the long-windedness of the story surrounding it.

The title character of “The Parisian” is Midhat Kamal. Refined and intelligent, Midhat is the son of a prosperous textile dealer from Nablus, in what’s now called the West Bank, but which as the novel begins in 1914 is part of the Ottoman Empire. He is on his way to Montpellier to study medicine; hence those early shipboard scenes.

This is a year of some consequence in European history, obviously. (In his diary for the 28th of June of that year, King George V writes, with a sort of glorious stupidity, “The poor archduke and his wife were

assassinated this morning in Serbia . . . stamps after lunch, bed at 11:30.”) But Midhat’s experience of the war is second-hand. He falls in love with a Frenchwoman; loses a friend who’s gone to the front; encounters, in numerous (and well-drawn) ways, Europe’s most polished varieties of racism; and finally runs himself sick on love and despair in Paris, having abandoned Montpellier.

By the time he returns to Nablus, Midhat’s high aims have dissolved, while Hammad’s have become clear: She is writing about history before it became history. After 1918, much of what was once called Ottoman Syria, including Nablus, came under French and British rule. The region’s future was still radically undetermined, and Hammad wants to return the reader, through Midhat, to that point, before the tragic century that lay ahead for the Palestinian people came to seem inexorable.

It’s a strong idea. So why does it falter? “The Parisian” is complex in a way few experienced writers could handle, and its catalogue of technical missteps is long. (Nearly every one of its chapters could beneficially be



KATHY COULTER

**Novelist Isabella Hammad.**

halved, for example. Hammad has tenuous control of point of view. And if only we could permanently retire the pocketwatch as a symbol of time and hardship.) But it also has a close grasp of history, and the high quality of its writing never fades.

The problem is simpler than any of that, really: Hammad has

yet to develop any skill for character. The people she creates are so taxonomically familiar as to be basically blank: the remote father, the excitable friends, the fierce, canny grandmother. Midhat himself, even in the throes of emotion, never blooms into reality. He is tenderhearted and wary, you might say. He is certainly handsome and smart. Still, he remains a cipher.

Perhaps the clue is in the title. Since 1918, the people of the Levant have endured a series of catastrophes. Nablus has become the site of Israeli settlements, terrible violence and wholly understandable anger. The (admirable) purpose of “The Parisian” seems to be to reorganize that narrative around Palestinian rather than Israeli or European history; Midhat is a “Parisian” only in the bitterest sense — foreign there, eventually exiled at home, a victim of Paris’s careless confidence in its own centrality.

In other words, Hammad is writing with ideas and events toward the front of her mind. She does so empathetically, but “The Parisian” still feels like a house that’s been staged to sell, furnished only to draw attention to



its architectural lines. What makes this doubly regrettable is that Hammad is clearly writing something highly personal, however she has fictionalized its occurrences — several of the book’s central characters bear her last name.

I found myself wishing again and again as I read “The Parisian” that we didn’t equate ambition with length. Hammad set out to write a vast, painstaking saga of the Palestinian experience, but her particular gifts seem far more suited to the short form. That’s no knock — so were Denis Johnson’s. Perhaps Hammad’s best chance of writing through the full sweep of history might be, paradoxically, in flashes, in the brief human moments, captured tantalizingly here and there in her debut, which occur only in the present — before some later observer compresses their joys and agonies into a protracted and deadening account, to which we have the patience to pay only a sadly vague, inadequate attention.

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the **GUIDE** to the Lively Arts

SHOW NAME	DATES & TIMES	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	PRICE	ADDITIONAL
<b>THEATRE</b>					
 <b>Shear Madness</b> The Kennedy Center Theater Lab	Regular Schedule: Tuesday–Friday at 8 Saturday at 6 & 9 Sunday at 3 & 7	Take a stab at catching the killer at this wildly popular comedy whodunit that keeps audiences laughing all over the world. "Shrieks of laughter night after night at the Kennedy Center." ( <i>Washington Post</i> )	<b>The Kennedy Center Theater Lab</b> Student Rush Tickets Available Tickets: 202-467-4600 Groups: 202-416-8400 www.shearmadness.com	Tickets Available at the Box Office	Added Shows: Mon at 8PM Tue at 5PM Wed at 5PM Thu at 5PM  Great Group Rates for 15 or More
<b>MUSIC - ORCHESTRAL</b>					
 <b>The Kennedy Center</b>	Thursday at 7 Friday & Saturday at 8	Fate knocks at the door in the most famous four notes in symphonic history! Experience the memorable motif that changed music forever when Gianandrea Noseda returns to lead Beethoven's legendary Fifth Symphony. Although on the verge of deafness while composing this masterpiece, Beethoven boldly defied his impending affliction—instead rising above to immerse audience in a fearless symphony he called “a duel between free will and determination.”	<b>Kennedy Center Concert Hall</b> kennedy-center.org or call (202) 467-4600	Tickets available at the box office	<i>ForeWords</i> pre-performance talk beginning at 6:45 p.m. before the Fri. & Sat., April 19 & 20 performances.

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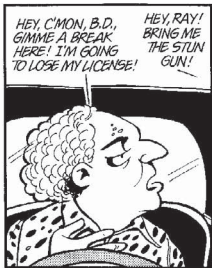
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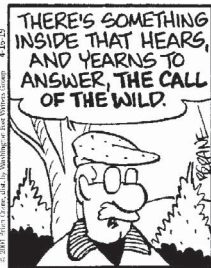




CLASSIC DOONESBURY



PICKLES



BRIDGE

N-S VULNERABLE

NORTH	EAST
♠ A 3	♠ Q 8 5 2
♥ K 6 4	♥ 9 8
♦ A 8 5	♦ J 10 7
♣ 8 6 4 3 2	♣ A J 9 7

SOUTH (D)

♠ K 6 4	♥ A J 5 3 2
♦ Q 4 3	♣ K Q

**The bidding:**

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♥	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥	All Pass		

**Opening lead** — ♣ J

“If you don't know where you're going, you may wind up somewhere else.” — graffiti

Entries are declarer's means of placing the lead where he wants it. Proper entry management may be crucial.

Today's declarer gave his game a straightforward play. He took the top spades, ruffed his last spade in dummy, cashed the king of trumps and finessed with the jack. West won and exited with a trump. South next led a diamond to dummy's ace and back to his queen. He lost two diamonds and a club. Down one.

South does best to set up dummy's clubs but must time the use of his entries. He wins the first spade with the king and leads the king of clubs. Say East wins and leads the jack of diamonds: three, six, ace. South then takes the queen of clubs and A-K of trumps and ruffs a club. (To overruff won't help West.)

South can then ruff his last spade in dummy and pitch a diamond on the good club. He loses only three tricks in all.

**DAILY QUESTION**

You hold:

♠ A 3 ♥ K 6 4

♦ A 8 5 ♠ 8 6 4 3 2

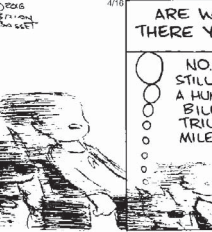
Your partner opens one spade, you respond two clubs, he rebids two spades and you try 2NT. Partner next bids three hearts. What do you say?

**ANSWER:** Partner suggests six spades, four hearts and minimum values. If he had a hand such as K 8 7 6 4 2, A Q 10 7, 2, A K, his second bid would have been two hearts. You would usually pass or bid three spades now, but since you have three useful honors, to jump to four spades is correct.

— Frank Stewart

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RED AND ROVER



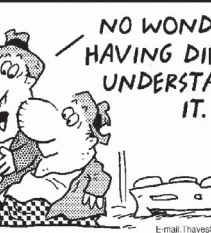
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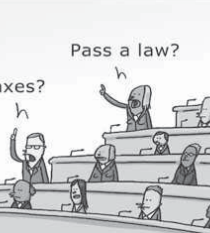
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TOM THAVES



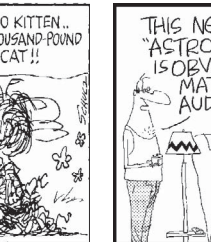
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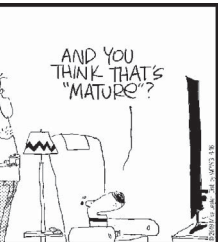
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RYHMES WITH ORANGE



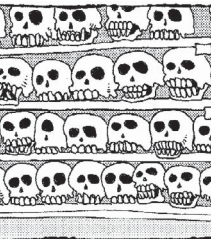
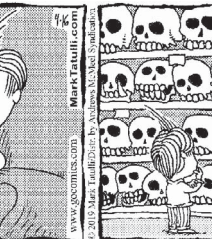
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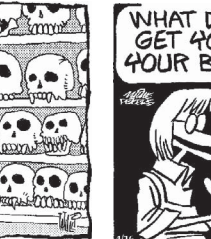
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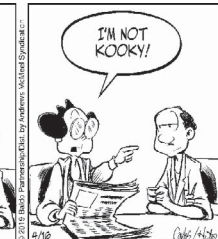
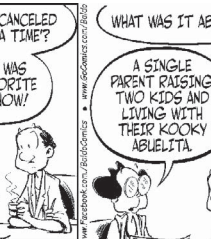
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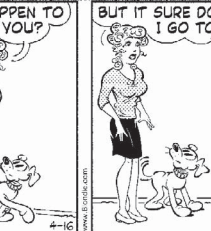
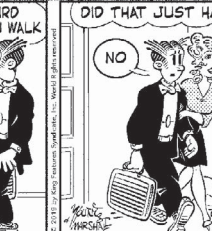
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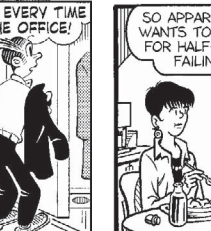
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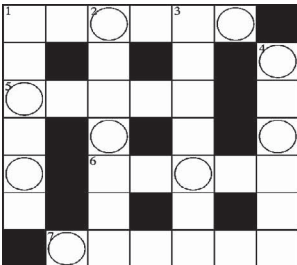


SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

	7	8	6	5				
5	9			2	1			7
6	3			8				
	5	9		7				6
				1				
4				6		7	5	
				3			9	8
1				7	9		4	2
				4	5	6	7	

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆



**ACROSS**

CLUE

1. \_\_\_ stick

5. "\_\_\_ Instinct"

6. Mad

7. Easy task

**DOWN**

CLUE

1. Mix and mingle

2. Register operator

3. Isolated region

4. Sign of an allergy

**ANSWER**

YKHEOC

SIBAC

TREIA

ERBEZ

**ANSWER**

BOHNBO

SEHCIRA

VEELNAC

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JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

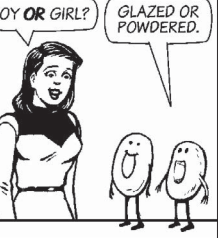
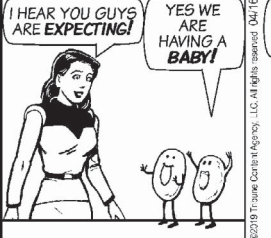
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Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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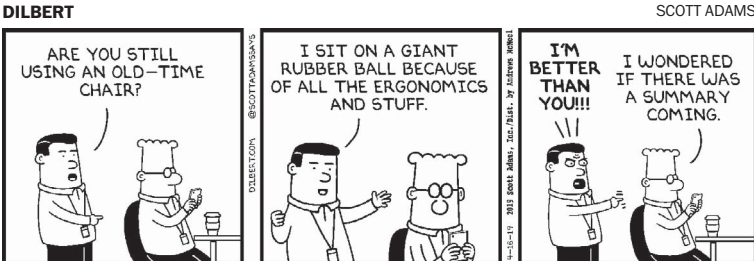
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DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS



FRAZZ

JEFF MALLET



GARFIELD

JIM DAVIS



DUSTIN

STEVE KELLEY & JEFF PARKER



PRICKLY CITY

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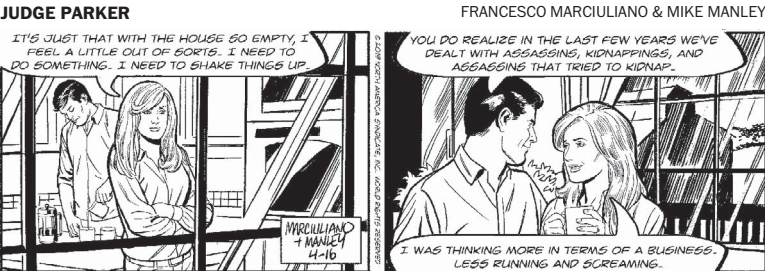
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DARRIN BELL



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WEINGARTENS & CLARK



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

STAN LEE & ALEX SAVIUK



LOOSE PARTS

DAVE BLAZEK



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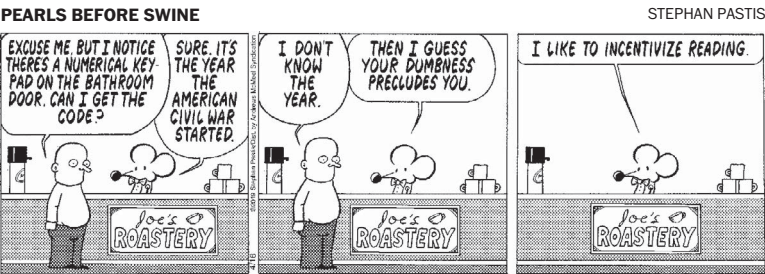
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This year, you make headway toward a long-term goal. You'll expend a lot of energy manifesting this goal. If single, you might want to devote less time to dating for a while, although you could meet someone of significance. If you're attached, you and your partner will bond more closely because of your long-term goal. When asked, Virgo gives you a lot of good ideas. Listen.

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19). You could experience a strange tension as you attempt to put a situation together or understand the mechanics of what's happening. You might be concerned about what's occurring with a higher-up.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20). At this point, your creativity soars. Confusion could exist around manifesting some of your great ideas. Reach out for a loved one or a dear friend at a distance. You have very different ways of looking at issues; make those differences positive.

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20). You might find it difficult to move from one topic to another. You could be focused on one issue and unable deal with others until you find a solution or answer. A partnership evolves, even though you might be aware of its implicit limitations.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22). Speak your mind. Be clear about what needs to happen in order to clear out an issue. Exchange ideas freely; somewhere within discussions, a gem of an idea emerges. Don't back off from your search.

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22). Don't try to stretch either your budget or your assets too far. Confusion could easily plague your finances. An offer made might not come through in the way that you believe it will. When dealing with an associate, listen to your inner voice.

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22). Be aware of what needs to happen to further your cause. You could feel as though you cannot make a difference when dealing with a witty, undirected friend. Understand that this person likes the situation the way it is and doesn't appreciate your criticism.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22). Know when to say little and listen more. You might not believe the gems of wisdom that could tumble into your life. You hear many different approaches and ways of thinking. Right now, make no major decisions.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21). Zero in on what you want. You might feel as though a loved one or child could be a little too distracting. Try to approach each issue on its own merits, not bringing feelings or emotional remnants into the discussion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21). Take a stand and stay more in touch with your feelings. You could be in a jam and trying to juggle various facets of a problem. Investigate a suggestion that might be worth going with.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19). What seems clear to you might be incredibly Byzantine to another person. Try not to be overly serious and demanding, as it could affect an important interaction. If you can stay mellow, you'll open yourself up to positive change.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18). Deal directly with a close associate. You succeed when interacting with others on this level. You can get to the bottom line far more quickly. Don't allow a feeling of being down to interfere with your actions and words.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20). With the help of a key partner, zero in on what you want. Together, you and your partner make a strong team. A long-term goal that you thought was only a distant possibility could be in sight.

— Jacqueline Bigar

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## CHIP SAYS

In 1895, British archaeologist Margaret Benson discovered 188 lion-headed statues of the Egyptian goddess Sekhmet. She was known as the goddess of battle and was represented as a fierce lion.



## TODAY

Wear a jacket to the bus stop, but sunshine later will warm things up. The afternoon high could reach 70.

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Technology, space travel and television made history in 1969. Check out our photo gallery of things turning 50 this year.



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

## An ancient civilization that valued women

BY DARA ELASFAR

If you had 10 seconds to name a queen of ancient Egypt, who would it be? Probably Cleopatra, who was famous for her alliances with Roman leaders Julius Caesar and Marc Anthony.

But who came before her? Nefertari, Isis, Ahmose and Hatshepsut are just a few queens of Egypt whose legacies aren't as widely known. A new exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington aims to change that.

"I only knew there was Cleopatra, I didn't know there were so many other queens," said Roxie Mazelan, a 9-year-old Girl Scout visiting the "Queens of Egypt" exhibit.

Roxie and her troop from Alexandria put on their 3-D glasses to explore the exhibit's virtual-reali-

ty dome. They traveled back in time and walked through the virtual tomb of Queen Nefertari, principal wife of Ramses II.

Addison Hood, 9, thought it was cool to see artifacts virtually and come across them physically throughout the exhibit. Among the popular artifacts are Nefertari's shoes, found in her tomb by an Italian archaeologist in 1904. Jewelry, makeup jars and mirrors that once belonged to Egypt's female rulers are also on display.

There are hands-on exhibit features, including jars that contain scents such as henna and lotus. You can pop them open and smell. Archaeologists found jars like these in tombs, and from the residue they could extract the scents Egyptian women once wore. You can also play senet, a board game similar to Chutes and Ladders that pharaohs played around 1550 B.C.

Queen Hatshepsut (pro-



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## If you go

**What:** "Queens of Egypt" exhibit

**Where:** National Geographic Museum, 145 17th Street in Northwest Washington.

**When:** Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through Sept. 15.

**How much:** Ages 5 to 12, \$10; age 13 and older, \$15.

**For more information:** A parent can visit [nationalgeographic.org](http://nationalgeographic.org).

**The "Queens of Egypt" exhibit at the National Geographic Museum details the daily life of royal women in ancient Egypt as told through prestigious artifacts. Jewelry, makeup jars and mirrors that once belonged to Egypt's female rulers are among the objects on display.**



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nounced hat-SHEP-soot) was the most influential Egyptian queen and known as a great diplomat during her 22-year reign. To gain respect, she dressed as a man, wore a false beard and created statues of herself with a pharaoh's headdress. When her stepson took the throne, he made sure people knew there was a new leader in town.

"Out of all the ancient civilizations, Egypt's was the only one that really valued women," says Lexie de los Santos, who helps promote National Geographic exhibits.

Egyptian women could own land, choose a husband, get divorced and even govern.

"But after their rule, [male lead-

ers] just erase all memory of these women because they don't want them to have all that success," De Los Santos said.

Kara Cooney, an Egyptologist who wrote a book for National Geographic about the queens, said these women were often used as protectors. Men would put women in high positions to keep young male leaders safe and give them time to mature. When a man was ready to take over as pharaoh, the woman in charge would step down.

Addison noted that even after thousands of years, female leaders haven't gained a lot of ground.

"I think it was cool to see women in the place of men," she said. "You don't see that a lot now."

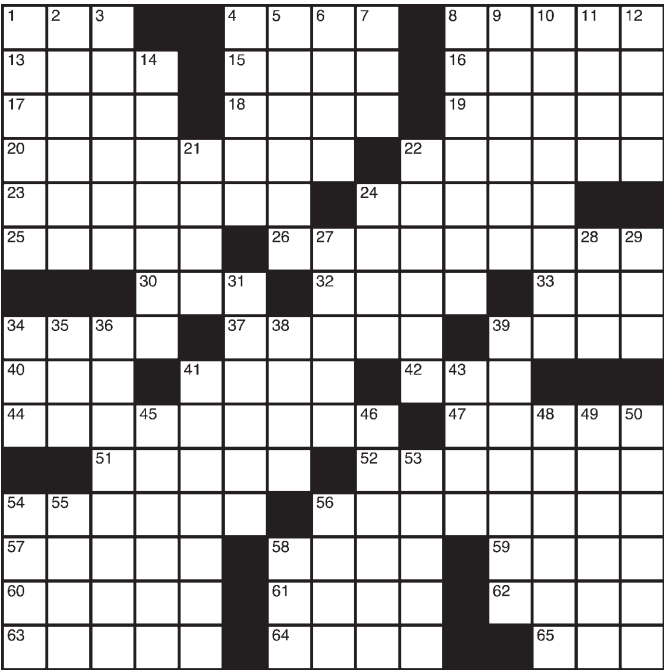
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## LA TIMES CROSSWORD

By Lee Taylor

### ACROSS

- "The Big Bang Theory" network
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- Peek at someone else's test answers, say
- River to the Caspian
- Where to find a hero
- Rental document
- Opera songs for one
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- Ready for action
- Farewell performance
- Award-winning sci-fi author — Ellison
- Chess match finale
- Summer camp craft
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- Done with employment: Abbr.
- Cathedral recess
- Go off course
- Lively Irish dances
- "Steppenwolf" writer Hermann
- Lyre-playing emperor
- "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- Broadway partner of Rodgers
- Reuben bread
- Hidden danger
- Honey-colored
- Big rigs
- Track's inside track
- Songs of praise
- Easy-peasy task
- Sports stadium
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- Actor Miller of "Justice League"
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- Keen
- Sets eyes on



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- Lawn-trimming targets
- Ballpoints
- Banned insecticide

### DOWN

- Used "colorful" language
- "Doctor My Eyes" singer Jackson —
- Light lunches
- Strong suit or weak sauce
- African desert fox
- Criticize harshly
- Yang complement
- Purify
- Find out about
- Keen-sighted sort
- Between ports
- Seagull kin
- Won't go away, as an odor
- Coburg: former Bavarian duchy
- Mooring rope

- Foes of robbers
- Many a reggae artist
- Corn serving
- Romantic dinner complement
- "To clarify ..."
- Quick punch
- Swearing-in words

- Big fat zero
- Drops the ball
- Formidable opponents
- Church books with many notes
- Sudden pull
- Small skullcap
- Connect to an outlet

- Drank to excess
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- Dinner, say
- Corrosive compounds
- Cover with asphalt
- Like the Mojave
- Jackknifed into the pool, say
- Chatter

### MONDAY'S LA TIMES SOLUTION



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## When a girl asks, 'Do I look pretty?'



Carolyn Hax

*Adapted from a recent online discussion.*

**Dear Carolyn:** We have a bunch of little girls in our neighborhood who play with ours. One of them

sometimes comes up to me and asks, "Don't I look pretty?" What do you think is the best thing to say? I usually say something like, "What a fancy dress," but it feels fake.

— *I Want My Kids to Be Nerds*

**I Want My Kids to Be Nerds:** Funny, I was just talking about this last night with someone. A few points:

- A world where you can't tell kids they look pretty every once in a while sounds like a real pain in the butt to live in.
- It's naive, however, to ignore the collective effect of comments about looks. So, you're right to think about your answer before you get asked. It's also right to notice it's one girl who tends to ask you this. Any thoughts on why?
- Nerds are great, but so are jocks, and so are artists, and so are people who put together just the right things to wear and look stunning as a result. So are people who sample from all

these categories. So are people who defy categories. Don't take a stand against pigeonholing by cramming people into the pigeonhole you like better.

4. When someone asks, "Am I pretty?" and you respond with, "What a fancy dress," the message some people hear is, "You're so ugly the only nice thing I can do is compliment what you're wearing." So provide alternate answers with caution.

5. And it's a basic human pleasure to behold and appreciate beauty — in a vista, in a flower, in a child's face. It's not a failing.

6. So please don't be afraid to respond, "You sure do look pretty." Every once in a while. But also look for what people *do* vs. just are. "I love that you picked that shirt with those pants. You have an eye for color." And mix it up: "I think so — do you *feel* pretty? That's what I ask myself." Taking an interest and asking good questions can shift her attention to her own sense of herself.

**Dear Carolyn:** My aunt recently died. She was a wealthy woman with no children, and she always told my sister and me, "I'm taking care of you in my will." We both assumed that meant enough money to buy a

house; she left us enough to buy a used car, and the rest went to charity.

My sister is absolutely furious with our aunt and just won't let it go. My attitude is, it was my aunt's money to do with as she chose. Is there a nice way I can tell my sister she's being an entitled brat? Our aunt didn't have to leave us anything. How do I get her to see it that way?

— *Anonymous*

**Anonymous:** There are dozens of nice ways to call people entitled brats.

JK!

She'll change her thinking when she's good and ready. You, however, don't need to listen to her get there. Speak only of and for yourself: "I thought there would be more, too. I just don't share your rage — it was Auntie's prerogative. I am also through talking about it, because it won't change anything." Empathy, honesty, logic, out. Decline to discuss it again.

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After that win, Tiger vs. Jack suddenly is a debate again



Barry Svrluga

AUGUSTA, GA. — The next question is obvious and inevitable, and it's only natural to feel differently about it than you did, say, Saturday evening: Can Tiger Woods catch and surpass Jack Nicklaus's record for major championships?

That question had become tired and trite. While Woods was wandering the athletic wilderness for the better part of a decade, winning the four additional majors it would take to tie Nicklaus's record of 18, the five it would take to surpass him, seemed unfair to ask of someone whose most significant accomplishment on a given day was getting out of bed.

Now, though, he needs just three to tie Nicklaus. Now, after Woods's 15th major victory at the Masters on Sunday, he needs just four to pass him.

"I don't know if he's worried or not," Woods said Sunday evening.

He shouldn't be, right?

Still, you're saying there's a chance?

Let's look at this from two angles: venues (not that important) and age (very important).

Because of golf's new schedule, the next major is the PGA Championship, held next month at Bethpage Black, just outside New York. The major after that: the U.S. Open, which this June happens to be at — well, now, lookie here — Pebble Beach.

Bethpage has staged two Opens: 2002, when Woods won, and 2009, when he finished tied for sixth in a swampy affair that didn't finish until Monday. Woods has played in two U.S. Opens at Pebble Beach: his unforgettable 15-shot — 15 shots! — win in 2000, and a less-remembered tie for fourth with Phil Mickelson, three shots

SEE SVRLUGA ON D6

# For Tebow, final step to the bigs is the biggest

BY MATTHEW GUTIERREZ

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Tim Tebow was 18 years old, in green shorts and a gray T-shirt, walking from left field toward home plate for an offseason chat. He had come to meet with his high school baseball coach, Greg Mullins, after school. Something's wrong, Mullins thought, as Tebow approached. "Can we talk?" Tebow asked, and they moved to the dugout bench.

It was 2005, and Tebow, not yet a celebrity, had plotted out his future. His voice wavered. A few minutes into the conversation, Tebow shed a tear. He wouldn't play his senior season of baseball. He had decided to enroll early at Florida to pursue a football career.

"One of the hardest decisions I ever made was choosing to go football over baseball," Tebow said this month of that day at Nease High, just south of Jacksonville, Fla. "It's an itch I've always had and a passion I've always had, and it didn't go away after years."

It has been more than 13 years since the day Tebow's baseball career ended. Well, the day it *could have* ended. Now, just weeks into Year 3 of a rise through the minor leagues, Tebow is one step from the majors. One step from his ultimate dream, which he set out for after his professional football

SEE TEBOW ON D3

## Defensive shortcomings are exposed in ugly defeat

### On Hockey

ISABELLE KHURSHUDYAN

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dougie Hamilton faced the crowd, stretched out his arms and then leaped into the glass where Stormy, the Carolina Hurricanes' hog mascot, had his paws smacking the barrier, celebrating with the rest of a rejuvenated fan base. The Washington Capitals came to PNC Arena with a comfortable lead in this first-round series, and after the first playoff game here in 10 years, the defending Stanley Cup champions left the building with their biggest weakness exposed and their opponent suddenly surging.

In a defensive disaster on all fronts, the Capitals struggled to get the puck out of their end all night in a 5-0 Game 3 loss to the Hurricanes,

SEE ON HOCKEY ON D5

### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

# Blown away



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**HURRICANES 5, CAPITALS 0:**

Braden Holtby allowed five goals on 45 shots as Carolina dominated Game 3 to hand Washington its first postseason loss since Game 1 of last year's Stanley Cup finals. The Capitals managed 18 shots — including just one in the second period.

GAME 4  
**Capitals at Hurricanes**  
Thursday, 7 p.m., NBCSW  
*Capitals lead series, 2-1*  
**Leafs back in front:** Toronto regains series lead vs. Boston. **D6**

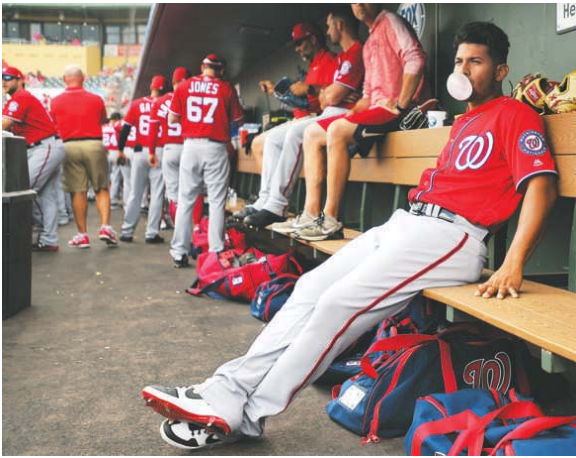
## Ovechkin scores a KO, but Capitals get flattened

BY SAMANTHA PELL

RALEIGH, N.C. — As Carolina Hurricanes forward Brock McGinn scored his team's fifth and final goal of the night, the sellout crowd at PNC Arena, witnessing its first postseason game in a decade, erupted in unison. It was the same roar the Washington Capitals had heard all night, each signaling another Carolina surge, and the struggling Capitals couldn't keep up.

In one of their worst performances of the season, the Capitals fell, 5-0, to the Hurricanes on Monday night in Game 3 of their first-round Stanley Cup playoff series. The Capitals were outshot 45-18, managing only one shot on net in the second period, and they had a six-game

SEE CAPITALS ON D5



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Adrián Sanchez, pictured during spring training, signed in 2007, making him the second-longest-tenured player in the organization.

# In terms of patience, he's batting 1.000

Sanchez has played 1,000 minor league games — and counting — for the Nats

BY JESSE DOUGHERTY

Adrián Sanchez knew the number wasn't right, not quite big enough, so he took out his iPhone and began scrolling through websites that keep track of his quiet baseball history.

"I know it's more," he said in March, standing by his locker at the Washington Nationals' spring training facility in West Palm Beach, Fla., smiling at the thought of 893 minor league appearances being too few.

"Here, here it is," Sanchez added, his English coated by a Venezuelan accent, as he pointed to a list of seasons that didn't fit on

one screen. "You forgot my 101 games in the Dominican Summer League 10 years ago. You can't forget those."

Because he was there, for every single one, for 994 heading into this year and six since with the Class AA Harrisburg Senators. After going 2 for 4 for the Senators on Sunday, Sanchez has played in 1,000 minor league games with the same organization. The Nationals signed him in the winter of 2007 as a 17-year-old shortstop, and he is the franchise's second-longest-tenured player behind first baseman Ryan Zimmerman. That surprised him. Time can be a funny thing.

Sanchez, 28, has played in just 62 major league games across two seasons. The utility infielder was up earlier this year before heading back into the system, his life a series of back and forths, of odd-hour plane rides, of phone calls commanding him to pack immediately. He has played 156 games in Syracuse, N.Y.; 256 in Harrisburg, Pa.; 269 in Woodbridge, Va.; 156 in Hagerstown, Md.; and so on. No one is more familiar with the highway routes, the bus seats, the nuances of the

SEE SANCHEZ ON D3

**Giants at Nationals**  
Today, 7:05 p.m., MASN

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

It's not a surprise, but Zion Williamson says he will enter the NBA draft. **D2**

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Terps' Fernando and Cowan, Cavaliers' Jerome and Hunter will also test NBA. **D3**

### PRO FOOTBALL

This class of draft-eligible quarterbacks mostly features flawed prospects. **D6**

### HIGH SCHOOLS

Our spring roundup includes a big win for St. Stephen's/St. Agnes lacrosse. **D7**



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## GOLF

# Trump will give Woods Medal of Freedom

BY CINDY BOREN

A green jacket, a fat paycheck and a restored reputation aren't the only rewards Tiger Woods will receive after winning his fifth Masters title Sunday, capping one of the greatest comebacks in sports history.

He'll also be receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

"Spoke to Tiger Woods to congratulate him on the great victory he had," President Trump tweeted Monday afternoon, and "to inform him that because of his incredible Success & Comeback in Sports (Golf) and, more importantly, LIFE, I will be presenting him with the PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM!"

Trump didn't announce a date for that honor, which would put Woods in rarefied company with Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Charlie Sifford, the only other golfers to have received the award. George H.W. Bush presented the medals to Nicklaus and Palmer, and Barack Obama to Sifford. So far, Trump has honored three athletes with medals of freedom: Babe Ruth, Roger Staubach and Alan Page.

Trump is an avid golfer who played alongside Woods and Nicklaus in February at one of his Florida courses, with Nicklaus's son Steve rounding out the foursome. The president later shared a photo of the group on social media, and a Trump Organization official noted that Woods and Nicklaus have designed courses for the company. Trump's assessment then of Woods's game was spot-on, with the president predicting that Woods would "be winning majors again."

Trump tweeted about the Masters several times over the weekend. "Love people who are great under pressure," he wrote after Woods won his first Masters title since 2005. "What a fantastic life comeback for a really great guy!"

The victory for Woods at Augusta represented an epic comeback, coming nearly 11 years after his last victory in a major tournament. It was a conquest over physical injuries, personal demons and other problems largely of his own making.

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## QUOTABLE

*"I'm in trouble. I have been raised a Yankees fan through and through."*

**ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ**, congresswoman from New York, answering a question on the Yahoo News podcast Skullduggery about which of the city's major league teams she roots for. The Mets' Citi Field is in her district.

## BASEBALL



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The Nationals began their tradition of cabbage races during a spring training workout Feb. 17 — National Cabbage Day.

# Call them Cabbage Smash Kids

BY SAM FORTIER

It was as if someone had lost control of a confetti cannon of cabbage.

On Saturday, after a come-from-behind, 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates, the Washington Nationals gathered in the clubhouse, formed two teams and passed around a head of cabbage in a relay race until the last person in each line hurled it to the floor. Afterward, shreds of translucent green coated the clubhouse carpet. It looked like iceberg lettuce, but players asserted it was indeed cabbage, the leafy, bloated basketball-looking vegetable that, on average, weighs about six times more than a baseball — and has come to define the Nationals' dramatic wins this season.

"The boys like their cabbage," Manager Dave Martinez said.

On April 9 in Philadelphia, Martinez's team erased a 6-1 deficit and won in extra innings. When the players returned to the visitors' clubhouse, they shuffled around the sauerkraut staple for the first time during the regular season and smashed it on the floor. Within hours, two online companies had started selling Nationals "Cabbage Smash Kids" T-shirts.

In that moment, the Nationals were resurrecting an activity from spring training. It started Feb. 17, when third base coach Bob Henley assumed the responsibility of firing up the players. He searched the Internet for inspiration, read it was "National

In clubhouse after big wins, Nats break up the monotony by busting up the vegetable

Cabbage Day" and "National Random Acts of Kindness Day," and apparently opted to become the Vegetable Vagabond.

That day, Henley gathered some team members, mostly pitchers. He preached the hidden virtues of cabbage and surprised a few players, including veteran starter Jeremy Hellickson, who "had never looked at cabbage that way before."

"Cabbage is very versatile, and it sticks together," Hellickson said, even though the players ended the exercise by spiking the symbol of solidarity into smithereens.

That first day in camp, the pitchers were the only ones who relay-raced, so closer Sean Doolittle's favorite part about last week's comeback against the Phillies was getting the hitters involved.

"It's a good, healthy way to get our vegetables in after a game," Doolittle deadpanned. He added: "It's a fun thing. We had fun in camp. And the message is about being able to pick your teammates up. We're all in this as a group. It was just a fun way to end the night."

Since spring training, the Nationals

have tried to keep the specifics of their cabbage conventions confidential. The team believes, as Martinez and Henley do, that maintaining "the circle of trust" in the clubhouse will build chemistry and help performance. When reporters questioned center fielder Victor Robles about the debris after the Philadelphia win, the rookie revealed little.

"It's something we do together as a team, so obviously I was involved," he said, smiling.

The journeyman Hellickson has seen these positive reinforcement techniques before. The most common from his 10-year, five-team career is a fog machine that the team turns on for the players to walk through after victories. Early in his career, with Tampa Bay, the player of the game got to flick on the light to a Captain Morgan sign after victories. Hellickson said he finds this one, turning triumphs into scenes from a dark, twisted episode of "VeggieTales," "the most random."

Still, though, after his stints with Arizona, Philadelphia and Baltimore, Hellickson respects the difficulty of rallying to a victory. He understands it's a long season, that the team will need something good-natured to break up the monotony. He knows there won't always be a head of cabbage to smash and to appreciate the chance when there is one.

"It's hard to win ballgames," Hellickson said, "so it helps to celebrate 'em."

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## RUNNING

# Boston Marathon goes down to the wire

BY CINDY BOREN

A race of more than 26 miles came down to the final few agonizing yards Monday afternoon with Lawrence Cherono edging Lelisa Desisa in the closest Boston Marathon men's finish since 1988. On the women's side, it was exactly the opposite, with Worknesh Degefa leaving no doubt as she kept her competition out of camera range for most of the race and cruised to a comfortable victory.

It was the men's race that brought drama to the 123rd running of the marathons, with a three-man battle going down to two. Nearly out of gas as the finish line loomed, Cherono and Desisa dueled with arms and legs flailing, but Cherono had just a bit more left in the tank and won in what was very nearly a photo finish. The final times: Cherono, of Kenya, finished in 2:07:57, Desisa, of Ethiopia, in 2:07:59. Kenneth Kipkemoi, also of Kenya, faded over the final 300 yards or so and was third in 2:08:07.

Scott Fauble of Flagstaff, Ariz., was the first American man across the finish line, finishing in seventh place in 2:09:10. Jared Ward, the Utah native who finished sixth in the Rio Olympics marathon, was eighth in 2:09:25.

It was a gutsy finish by Cherono, 30, who had to be helped by two race officials as he stepped gingerly to the podium for the post-race ceremony. Afterward, he said he was "so happy, so grateful" to have won. "I have never won a major marathon," he told WBZ, "but I was determined" as the race came down to the wire.

On the women's side, Degefa, a 28-year-old Ethiopian who was running only her fourth marathon, took control of the race at about Mile 4, moving past American Sara Hall. With a winning time of 2:23:31, she easily beat 39-year-old Kenyan Edna Kiplagat (2:24:13), who finished second, and American Jordan Hasay (2:25:20), who was third. Des Linden, the American who won last year's race, finished fifth.

Degefa, who came into the race with a personal record two minutes better than any other woman in the field, opened an early lead. There were concerns that Boston's hills might present a challenge because her previous marathons were in Dubai, but she quickly put those to rest.

As she shivered after the race, Degefa told WBZ through an interpreter that she was "a little worried" about having a large lead, "but I turned around and there was nobody behind me."

An American was the first winner of the day: Daniel Roman-chuk (1:21:36) claimed the men's push-rim wheelchair event, becoming the first American winner of the event since 1993. Manuela Schar (1:34:19) of Switzerland won the women's race, denying Tatyana McFadden's bid to repeat.

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## DIGEST

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Duke's Williamson declares for NBA draft

**Zion Williamson** is leaving Duke after one highly flying season to enter the NBA draft.

Widely projected as the top pick in June's draft, the Associated Press national player of the year announced his decision Monday.

The 6-foot-7, 285-pounder captivated all of college basketball with his once-in-a-generation athleticism, his energy at both ends of the floor and his charisma.

The ACC player and rookie of the year averaged 22.6 points — tied for the league lead with teammate **RJ Barrett** — and 8.9 rebounds.

His decision to turn pro came as no surprise. During his lone college season, he helped the Blue Devils earn the No. 1 ranking in the final AP top 25 and the top seed in the NCAA tournament. Duke was knocked out by Michigan State in the East Region final. . . .

Gonzaga star forward **Rui Hachimura** also declared for the NBA draft.

The junior said he will hire an

agent as he pursues a professional career.

The 6-8 native of Japan led Gonzaga in scoring this season at 19.7 points per game while shooting 59 percent. He was also named the West Coast Conference player of the year. . . .

Louisville announced that Georgia Tech freshmen **Elizabeth Balogun** and **Elizabeth Dixon** and California sophomore **Kianna Smith** transferred to the women's program. The three former starters join a Cardinals roster that lost all-American guard **Asia Durr** and two other veterans.

Balogun and Dixon left Tech after the school fired Yellow Jackets coach **MaChelle Joseph** on March 26 following an independent investigation into alleged mistreatment of players and staff.

## GOLF

Sunday's final round at the Masters was as dramatic as it was early.

**Tiger Woods** won his first major in 11 years, and yet all the suspense was wrapped up by the middle of the afternoon thanks to a weather forecast that moved up the start of the round by a few hours, with threesomes going off

the first and 10th tees.

The result for CBS, which televised the tournament over the weekend, was a mixed bag. The overall TV ratings were down from last year, but considering the time slot — millions fewer are watching TV on Sunday morning than in the late afternoon or evening, when the tournament is usually decided — the Woods bump was still powerful.

CBS reported an average overnight rating of 7.7 with a 21 share in metered-market households, meaning fewer than 8 percent of TV households were watching the coverage but more than 20 percent of households watching TV at the time were tuned into the Masters.

The broadcast peaked at a 12.1 rating from 2:15 to 2:30 p.m., when Woods, who was in the final group, was playing the 18th hole.

CBS's 2018 Masters coverage, which stretched late into Sunday afternoon, delivered an 8.7/18 share as **Patrick Reed** outdueled **Rickie Fowler** and **Jordan Spieth** for the green jacket. That broadcast peaked at 11.0.

That rating represented an 18 percent jump over 2017's 7.6 rating, which was down

17 percent from 2016.

— Ben Strauss

## SOCCER

Arsenal benefited from a bizarre goal on a goalkeeping error and Watford striker **Troy Deeney**'s red card to claim a 1-0 win that lifted the team back into the English Premier League's top four.

The match was ultimately decided in the space of a few seconds in the first half, with Arsenal going ahead in the 10th minute when Watford goalkeeper **Ben Foster** dallied on a back pass, then slammed his clearance into the outstretched left boot of **Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang**.

From there, the ball rebounded into the net from six yards out. . . .

Real Madrid needed **Karim Benzema** to salvage a 1-1 draw at Spanish league also-ran Leganes. Benzema again proved a bright spot in a disappointing season for his club, scoring his fifth goal in four matches. . . .

Atalanta came up empty despite producing a whopping 32 shots — 18 of them on goal — during a 0-0 draw with relegation-threatened Empoli in Italy's Serie A.

## TELEVISION AND RADIO NBA PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

8 p.m.	<b>Game 2: Orlando at Toronto</b> » TNT
9 p.m.	<b>Game 2: San Antonio at Denver</b> » NBA TV
10:30 p.m.	<b>Game 2: Oklahoma City at Portland</b> » TNT

## STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

7 p.m.	<b>Game 4: Tampa Bay at Columbus</b> » CNBC
7:30 p.m.	<b>Game 4: New York Islanders at Pittsburgh</b> » NBC Sports Network
9:30 p.m.	<b>Game 4: Winnipeg at St. Louis</b> » CNBC
10:30 p.m.	<b>Game 4: San Jose at Vegas</b> » NBC Sports Network

## MLB

6:30 p.m.	<b>Boston at New York Yankees</b> » MLB Network
7 p.m.	<b>San Francisco at Washington</b> » MASN, WJFK (106.7 FM), WFED (1500 FM)
7 p.m.	<b>Baltimore at Tampa Bay</b> » MASN2, WTEM (980 AM)

## SOCCER

2:45 p.m.	<b>English Premier League: Cardiff City at Brighton</b> » NBC Sports Network
3 p.m.	<b>UEFA Champions League: Manchester United at Barcelona</b> » TNT
4 p.m.	<b>Copa Sudamericana: Nacional Potosi at Zulia</b> » beIN Sports
8:30 p.m.	<b>Copa Sudamericana: Independiente at La Equidad</b> » beIN Sports

## TENNIS

5 a.m.	<b>ATP: Monte Carlo Masters, early-round play</b> » Tennis Channel
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## COLLEGE BASEBALL

7 p.m.	<b>Butler at Purdue</b> » Fox Sports 1
7 p.m.	<b>Clemson at Georgia</b> » SEC Network
8 p.m.	<b>Utah Valley at Utah</b> » Pac-12 Network

## COLLEGE SOFTBALL

6 p.m.	<b>Michigan at Michigan State</b> » Big Ten Network
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## COLLEGE GOLF

7 p.m.	<b>Western Intercollegiate, second round</b> » Golf Channel
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## PRO FOOTBALL

The Minnesota Vikings signed former Los Angeles Rams quarterback **Sean Mannion** and ex-Denver Broncos wide receiver **Jordan Taylor**.

Mannion probably will replace **Trevor Siemian**, who joined the New York Jets, as the primary backup to **Kirk Cousins**.

— From news services and staff reports



NBA ROUNDUP

# Philly’s 51-point quarter leaves Brooklyn at a loss

76ERS 145, NETS 123

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ben Simmons got an earful from the Philadelphia crowd. With the same 76ers fans Simmons put on blast for booing in the playoff opener now going wild in Game 2, Simmons cupped a hand to his right ear just like Allen Iverson’s signature move to spur the cheers even louder. And he did it with Iverson rooting on the Sixers courtside.

Simmons had 18 points, 12 assists and 10 rebounds, and the 76ers had an answer for the pesky Brooklyn Nets, scoring 51 third-quarter points in a 145-123 blow-out to even their Eastern Conference playoff series Monday night.

Simmons had a disastrous Game 1, on the court (nine points) and from a PR perspective after he criticized fans for booing during a game the Sixers were never really in. He backtracked the next day and never gave the 20,591 fans a chance to do anything but roar in approval during Game 2.

Simmons flashed the all-star form that helped the Sixers post 51 wins, and he was aggressive from tip-off. He used his size and speed to attack and scored 16 points in the first half — and then put the game away in the third.

The Sixers busted the game open with a 14-0 run to start the second half and then stretched their lead to 20 on a Simmons steal and fast-break basket. With

a packed house standing, Simmons got a massive ovation when he cupped his hand to his right ear, just like Iverson did in his prime.

Iverson and former Sixers teammate Dikembe Mutombo attended the game and tossed T-shirts into the crowd.

Joel Embiid shook off another game-time decision to play through tendinitis in his left knee and delivered after a sluggish Game 1. He scored 13 points in the third as the Sixers raced to a 29-point lead.

On a minutes restriction, Embiid had some unexpected help from backup Boban Marjanovic. He scored 14 points in the first half, letting the Sixers find a comfort level on offense with Embiid out for long stretches.

“This is just the path we’re on with Joel,” Sixers Coach Brett Brown said. “There is zero doubt he is our crown jewel.”

## Kings officially hire Walton

The Sacramento Kings hired Luke Walton as their coach just days after the Los Angeles Lakers parted ways with him following three losing seasons.

The Kings announced that Walton will replace Dave Joergel. Sacramento General Manager Vlade Divac fired Joergel last week following a 39-43 finish, the franchise’s best record in 13 years.

Walton, 39, was dismissed by the Lakers on Friday after Los Angeles went 37-45. He was 98-148 in three years with Los Angeles, his first full-time head coaching job.

# Two Terps, two Cavaliers enter draft

BY EMILY GIAMBALVO AND SCOTT ALLEN

Maryland sophomore Bruno Fernando and junior Anthony Cowan Jr. intend to declare for the NBA draft and hire agents, the team announced Monday. And Virginia’s Ty Jerome and De’Andre Hunter announced on Instagram that they will sign with agents and pursue their dreams of playing basketball at the highest level.

Under new rules introduced this year, college players who sign with an agent during the evaluation process are still eligible to return to school if they remove their names before the draft. A player must end his relationship with his agent to remain eligible.

Fernando, expected to be a first-round pick, had a standout sophomore campaign for the Terrapins. After testing the NBA draft waters last spring, he opted to return for the 2018-19 season and recorded 22 double-doubles. The 6-foot-10 forward from Angola was Maryland’s second-leading scorer, averaging 13.6 points and 10.6 rebounds. Multiple times this season, Coach Mark Turgeon called Fernando one of the most improved players in the Big Ten.

“I do feel a lot of responsibility for Bruno because his mom and dad aren’t over here,” Turgeon said Monday night. “I told the agent after Bruno selected him, I said: ‘Let’s don’t screw this up. He’s got a really good thing going. Let’s make sure we make a great decision.’ I just think Bruno is so much more mature than he was last year at this time. I think I’ve got him surrounded by the right people.”

Fernando earned first-team all-Big Ten and all-defensive team honors this season. He was one of



Maryland’s Bruno Fernando plans to hire an agent and prepare for the NBA draft but is still eligible to return for his junior year.

five finalists for the Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Award, given to the best center in college basketball.

“It has long been my dream to play basketball at its highest level in the NBA,” Fernando said in a statement. “With that being said, I am taking the pre-draft process extremely seriously. I want to ensure that I make an informed decision that will set the foundation for sustained success and prosperity throughout my playing career and beyond.”

Cowan, a junior guard from Bowie, Md., led the Terps at 15.6

points per game. He has started every game in his college career and led the team in minutes, points and assists over the past three seasons.

“Anthony’s heard from me for three years,” Turgeon said. “He’s heard from his dad his whole life. Just to hear it from some NBA guys, what he needs to work on going into his senior year, I think is real important.”

The NBA combine will be held in Chicago beginning May 14. Players have until May 29 to withdraw their names from the draft,

which is June 20. Last week, Maryland freshman Jalen Smith announced he will not go through the evaluation process and will return for his sophomore season.

The 6-5, 195-pound Jerome, a projected late first-round pick, averaged 13.6 points, 5.5 assists and 4.2 rebounds for the Cavaliers this season. He had 16 points, eight assists and six rebounds in Virginia’s 85-77, overtime win against Texas Tech in the national championship game after scoring 21 points in the Cavaliers’ semifinal win over Auburn.

Jerome helped his draft stock throughout the tournament by averaging team highs of 16.5 points and six assists. During a conversation with The Washington Post at the Final Four, Jerome’s father, Mark, all but confirmed his son wouldn’t return next season.

“Since I was a little kid, I always dreamed about playing in the NBA,” Jerome said Monday. “The only reason I’m in this position today is because [of] Coach [Tony] Bennett and my teammates. They prepared me to get to this point. . . I will always be a Wahoo.”

Hunter, a sophomore and projected lottery pick, announced his decision hours after Jerome. The 6-7, 225-pounder averaged 15.2 points and 5.1 rebounds. He scored a game-high 27 points in the national title game.

“Winning a national championship has always been a dream of mine, and accomplishing that with this team is something I will never forget,” he said in his Instagram post.

Junior guard Kyle Guy, who led the Cavaliers in scoring this season, has yet to announce his plans.

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# After 1,000 minor league games, Sanchez plays on

SANCHEZ FROM D1

Nationals’ affiliates, from the Gulf Coast League to Class AAA.

He is what’s called a “AAAA player” — forever stuck between the top rungs of the minors and his ultimate dream — but he has a distinction from many others. Most career minor leaguers bounce from one team to the next, searching for a fit, seeing whether a change of scenery may lead to a change in luck. Brandon Snyder, a 32-year-old infielder in the Nationals’ system, has played 1,202 minor league games spread across the systems of the Baltimore Orioles, Texas Rangers, Boston Red Sox, Tampa Bay Rays and Atlanta Braves. Sanchez, however, believes his past with Washington is the foundation for a future there. He has made the most appearances in the Nationals’ system and, still, can feel the goal inching closer. At least that’s what he keeps telling himself.

One thousand minor league games isn’t incredibly rare. Playing them for one franchise is.

“Every organization needs a guy like Adrián Sanchez,” said Mark Scialabba, the Nationals’ director of player development. “He won’t quit, won’t stop pushing the major league coaches to give him an opportunity, and is always available to do whatever is needed. It’s a great message to every other player here. It’s inspiring in its own way.”

## A trip worth taking

Mike Rizzo and Dana Brown had never traveled to Venezuela together. Maybe that’s why their plans were so jumbled and hectic 12 winters ago.

Rizzo, then an assistant general manager for the Nationals, flew from Washington to Newark to meet Brown, then the Nationals’ scouting director. They boarded a discounted flight to Panama. Then another flight to Maracaibo, Venezuela. Then a third flight, on a tiny plane, to a tiny town where a handful of teenagers waited to be seen.

Brown is now the Atlanta Braves’ director of scouting. Rizzo is Washington’s general manager. Whenever they see each other, if their nonstop schedules intersect, they laugh about that 2007 trip to a small Venezuelan stadium at the edge of unending countryside. And not just because of how long it took, how tired they were or how much scouting they packed into a few days, but because of the two players they discovered once there.

“Any time you go to a place like that, and you’re trusting someone else’s word, you worry about the hassle not being worth it,” Rizzo said. “But we signed two players out of one workout who would play in the major leagues. That never happens. The trip paid for itself.”

One was a catcher named Sandy Leon, sturdy, strong, signed to Washington before he played in two seasons there and four more



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NATIONALS ON DECK		
vs. San Francisco Giants		
Today	7:05	MASN
Tomorrow	7:05	MASN
Thursday	1:05	MASN
at Miami Marlins		
Friday	7:10	MASN2
Saturday	6:10	MASN2
Sunday	1:10	MASN2
at Colorado Rockies		
Monday	8:40	MASN2
April 23	8:40	MASN2
April 24	3:10	MASN2

Radio: WJFK (106.7 FM) or WDCH (99.1 FM)

with the Boston Red Sox. The other was Sanchez, a stringy shortstop with a quick bat and soft hands in the field.

Sanchez laughs looking back, because he had no clue who Brown or Rizzo were, how much rode on those drills, how each of his swings and throws were being processed through a scouting shredder. Brown liked Sanchez’s arm strength and “sneaky offensive pop.” Scialabba, who processed the two contracts back in Washington, remembers the Nationals thinking Sanchez could win a minor league batting title down the line.

A system isn’t just filled with blue-chip prospects. Sanchez was the kind of low-cost, high-upside, versatile player who was needed and may make it once he developed and aged. Their agreement that January day, sealed with a round of handshakes, was only the start of a big commitment.

“It’s pretty damn cool that he’s

still trying to break in with the Nationals,” Brown said last week. “But I don’t know if I’d even recognize him now. It’s been so long.”

‘Absolutely it’s hard’

There has been doubt, a lot of it, whenever the majors slip away again and the constant shuffle feels pointless.

There was that time last year, in mid-August, when Sanchez, his wife, Dariela, and their young daughter, Sara, drove from Syracuse to Washington through a heavy rainstorm. The Nationals had traded Daniel Murphy to the Chicago Cubs, so Sanchez was needed for that night’s game, as an extra, as insurance in case Wilmer Difo got hurt. That was it. He is used to scrambling for stuff like that.

Or there was earlier this season, at the start of April, when Sanchez flew to Fresno, Calif., spent two days there and then took an overnight flight to D.C. because Trea Turner broke his right index finger. He didn’t even know what day of the week it was when he got to the home clubhouse at Nationals Park. Sanchez was with the team for five days before Washington needed a reliever, Joe Ross was called up, and he was sent down to Harrisburg. He hadn’t played in a game.

“We’ll see you soon, Sanchez,” Nationals bench coach Chip Hale said two Sundays ago, on the visiting side of Citi Field, hugging Sanchez after he had heard of his next destination.

“I know you will,” Sanchez said with a smile. “Oh, I know.”

So why keep going? Why ready for Game 1,001, with the Senators in Altoona, Pa., on Monday, with the same energy he has had for each before it? Why keep re-signing with the Nationals, on cheap

successor deals before hitting free agency, when opportunity has been slim?

Sanchez has considered quitting, more than once, but there is always a draw back to the field. And none is stronger than Sara — born in September 2016, the fall before he was invited to his first major league camp. It took him 10 years to even get there, in a spot to get noticed, and he wants Sara to know he did everything he could after his career is finished. He also wants to mentor young Latin players, to tell them to save the little money they make in the minors, to take care of themselves once they’re mixed into a new country, then into a sea of guys competing on the same mission.

He plays shortstop, second, third, first and even left field. But he knows the Nationals have a franchise shortstop in Turner, two top prospects in the middle infield (Carter Kieboom and Luis Garcia) and Difo, the utility player they favor over him because he can switch-hit and is sharper in the field. Sanchez values his role as a husband, a father, a relied-upon depth option for Manager Dave Martinez as he rolls into a 13th minor league season. Yet his hope is often met by reality staring right back.

“Is it hard? Absolutely it’s hard. It’s extremely hard to be one place and sometimes feel like you are stuck,” Sanchez said in Spanish through a team interpreter. “But this is my home.”

And it was easy to tell, right then, that home isn’t one place for Sanchez — not central New York or suburban Maryland or any of the rickety minor league stadiums he has walked into in the past decade.

Home is wherever there’s a chance.

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# Tebow keeps dream alive as he reaches Class AAA

TEBOW FROM D1

career ended. While his foundation was growing and he was working as an ESPN college football analyst, he considered how the rest of his life would go. Maybe he’d give his “first love” another try. Maybe he’d try to play in the majors.

As his baseball odyssey continues, the question is how he’ll handle the pitching while playing for the Class AAA Syracuse Mets. The task at hand: Cut down on strikeouts, hit for power, track down flyballs. In Class AA, he struck out in more than 30 percent of his at-bats, but he hit a respectable .273. Through nine games this season, he is 5 for 31 with 13 strikeouts.

In addition to being one of the oldest hitters in the International League, Tebow is also among its worst, statistically speaking. His on-base-plus-slugging percentage of .461 entering Monday ranked 109th of 117 qualified IL hitters and last among left fielders.

But still, at 31, he believes he is improving, though he knows it won’t get any easier. As the competition has gotten stiffer, he could quit the game. Yet he isn’t worried about how hard opposing pitchers are throwing, nor does he seem to worry about the possibility that his baseball journey could end in the minors. Since 1970, only seven athletes have played in both the NFL and MLB. He would be the eighth.

“Hopefully one day he’ll be batting third this summer, and I can tell him he’s getting called up,” Syracuse Mets Manager Tony DeFrancesco said. “We’re pleased right now. Everybody’s going to pound him inside until he proves he can hit the ball in. He’s shown he can drive the ball the other way. It’s no secret.”

Tebow, a chiseled 6-foot-3 and 245 pounds, won the Heisman Trophy at Florida in 2007. After leading the Gators to two national titles, he was selected by the Denver Broncos in the first round of the 2010 draft and signed a five-year deal that guaranteed him \$8.7 million. He was traded to the New York Jets in 2012 and spent brief stints with the New England Patriots and Philadelphia Eagles, but he was released before the 2015 season. He finished with a career record of 8-6 as a starting quarterback.

At Florida, Tebow spent hours in Urban Meyer’s office, having long talks with his coach about football and life. DeFrancesco said Tebow has popped in to talk about at-bats — in a notebook, he jots down observations on each pitcher he faces — and off-field priorities, including his foundation and speaking engagements. He has become so popular with fans in minor league cities that

Terry Collins, a special assistant to the general manager for the Mets, calls him “the Cal Ripken of the minor leagues” mostly because he signs so many autographs.

At the plate, Tebow maintains a basic stance, with a slight rock. His bat is nearly vertical. He bends his knees slightly, then uncorks. Power has always defined the baseball player he is: In high school, his team ended practice every day with on-field hitting, and the team wouldn’t pack up until Tebow hit the ball over the fence. To best maximize his natural power, he has adopted a minimalist approach to his pre-pitch movements.

Defensively, he said he improved his reads off the bat this spring. He is catching flyballs with one hand, not two. He feels his arm strength, about average, has improved.

Teammates, meanwhile, emphasize aspects of his character as perhaps his greatest contributions. He wears No. 15 because, when he was 15 years old, he met a boy in the Philippines born with backward feet.

“I knew for the rest of my life what I wanted to do,” Tebow said, “and that’s fight for people who can’t fight for themselves.”

From the beginning, there was no timetable on when Tebow would reach the big leagues, no expectation for how fast he’d prove he was — or wasn’t — capable of playing professional baseball, former New York Mets general manager Sandy Alderson said. The decision to sign him was based on, more than anything, his character.

“The Mets as an organization saw this as a no-lose proposition,” Alderson said last week. “The risk factors with some guys — a bad personality, or if he’s a jerk — those were eliminated with him since he’s so positive. We also knew that in the minor leagues, his optimism would have a long-term impact on his teammates. Minor league life is not pretty.”

“The most impressive thing is that he’s stuck with this for so long.”

At first he was an ex-football player, a little too bulky and too stiff. He has since kept much of his strength but increased his mobility. He has simplified his stance and load, minimized his stride and shortened his swing.

Mets General Manager Brodie Van Wagenen, Tebow’s former agent, said he thinks Tebow can play at the highest level should he continue progressing at his current rate.

“Right now, AAA is where he can help us most,” Van Wagenen said. “He lets the ball get deep in the strike zone, and he can capitalize on mistakes. How he does this year is the determining factor.”

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## BASEBALL

## National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR	CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
New York	10	6	.625	—	5-5	W-1	Milwaukee	11	6	.647	—	5-5	W-1
Atlanta	9	6	.600	½	7-3	W-2	Pittsburgh	8	6	.571	1½	7-3	W-1
Philadelphia	9	6	.600	½	5-5	L-1	St. Louis	9	7	.563	1½	6-4	L-1
Washington	7	7	.500	2 6-4	L-1		Chicago	6	9	.400	4 5-5	W-1	
Miami	4	13	.235	6½	2-8	L-2	x-Cincinnati	5	9	.357	4½	4-6	L-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Milwaukee	11	6	.647	—	5-5	W-1
Pittsburgh	8	6	.571	1½	7-3	W-1
St. Louis	9	7	.563	1½	6-4	L-1
Chicago	6	9	.400	4	5-5	W-1
x-Cincinnati	5	9	.357	4½	4-6	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-San Diego	11	6	.647	—	7-3	L-1
x-Los Angeles	9	8	.529	2 4-6	W-1	
Arizona	7	9	.438	3½	4-6	W-1
San Francisco	7	10	.412	4 5-5	L-1	
x-Colorado	4	12	.250	6½	2-8	W-1

x-Late game

## American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Tampa Bay	12	4	.750	—	7-3	W-1
Baltimore	7	10	.412	5½	3-7	W-1
New York	6	9	.400	5½	4-6	L-1
Boston	6	11	.353	6½	4-6	L-1
Toronto	6	11	.353	6½	3-7	W-1

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
Minnesota	8	5	.615	—	6-4	L-1
x-Cleveland	8	7	.533	1 6-4	L-3	
Detroit	8	7	.533	1 6-4	L-3	
Chicago	6	9	.400	3 4-6	W-2	
Kansas City	5	11	.313	4½	3-7	L-1

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	STR
x-Seattle	13	5	.722	—	6-4	L-3
Houston	11	5	.688	1	9-1	W-9
Texas	8	7	.533	3½	5-5	W-2
Oakland	10	9	.526	3½	5-5	L-1
Los Angeles	8	8	.500	4	7-3	L-1

x-Late game

## NOTES

## PERSONNEL DEPT.

**Indians:** Sent SS Francisco Lindor to Class AAA Columbus to begin a rehab assignment as he moves closer to rejoining the big league club after being slowed by a left ankle injury.

Cleveland also activated 2B Jason Kipnis from the 10-day injured list and designated veteran IF Brad Miller for assignment.

Lindor rolled his ankle while caught in a rundown during a minor league scrimmage in spring training. Kipnis opened the season on the IL after suffering a calf strain.

**Phillies:** Placed reliever David Robertson on the 10-day IL with a sore right elbow.

Right-hander Drew Anderson was recalled from Class AAA Lehigh Valley to take Robertson's spot.

Manager Gabe Kapler said Robertson will have an MRI exam Tuesday. The RHP has been in seven appearances but hasn't allowed a run in his past four. The Phillies signed Robertson to a two-year, \$23 million contract in the offseason.

## QUOTABLE

“To put this uniform on today and wear that number today, it's always special.”

— *Dodgers Manager Dave Roberts on Monday, when everyone in the majors wore No. 42 to celebrate the April 15, 1947, MLB debut of Jackie Robinson. Vin Scully and Robinson's widow, Rachel, were at Dodger Stadium.*

## STAR OF THE DAY

**OF Christian Yelich, Brewers**

The reigning NL MVP hit three homers and drove in seven runs in a 10-7 win over the Cardinals.

## TODAY'S GAME

## TO WATCH

**Red Sox at Yankees, 6:30 p.m., MLB Network**

New York's James Paxton faces struggling Boston ace Chris Sale in the first of 19 games between the AL East rivals.

## AL leaders

Entering Monday's games

BATTING	
Anderson, Chi	.....429
Andrus, Tex	.....414
Trout, L.A.	.....406
LeMahieu, N.Y.	.....396
Polanco, Min	.....383
Santana, Cle	.....383
Gordon, K.C.	.....360
Meadows, T.B.	.....357
Galvis, Tor	.....351
Beckham, Sea	.....339
HOME RUNS	
Davis, Oak	.....10
Altuve, Hou	.....7
Bruce, Sea	.....7
Mancini, Bal	.....6
Meadows, T.B.	.....6
Sanchez, N.Y.	.....6
Vogelbach, Sea	.....6
Chapman, Oak	.....5
Galvis, Tor	.....5
Haniger, Sea	.....5
Moreland, Bos	.....5
Trout, L.A.	.....5
RBI	
Santana, Sea	.....23
Davis, Oak	.....20
Meadows, T.B.	.....17
Haniger, Sea	.....15
Voit, N.Y.	.....14
Altuve, Hou	.....13
Bruce, Sea	.....13
Gordon, K.C.	.....13
Moncada, Chi	.....13
Soler, K.C.	.....13
ERA	
Glasnow, T.B.	.....0.53
Shoemaker, Tor	.....0.92
Sanchez, Tor	.....1.69
Bieber, Cle	.....1.80
Stroman, Tor	.....1.99
Snell, T.B.	.....2.16
Morton, T.B.	.....2.18
Bauer, Cle	.....2.29
STRIKEOUTS	
Cole, Hou	.....36
Snell, T.B.	.....36
Verlander, Hou	.....30
Boyd, Det	.....29
Rodon, Chi	.....29
Berrios, Min	.....28
Morton, T.B.	.....25
Bauer, Cle	.....24
James, K.C.	.....24



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## A beautiful day for baseball in Boston

The Orioles bat during the seventh inning of their Patriots' Day game against the Red Sox on Monday at Fenway Park. Baltimore pulled away late for an 8-1 win.

## Straily, Davis carry Baltimore past Boston

## ORIOLES 8, RED SOX 1

BY JON MEOLI

BOSTON — Orioles right-hander Dan Straily carried a no-hit bid into the fifth inning and was as good Monday as he was bad in his first two appearances, helping Baltimore secure an 8-1 win over the Red Sox on Patriots' Day at Fenway Park.

Straily, who allowed two home runs in his debut relief appearance with the Orioles and in his first start last week, allowed just two hits and one run as the Orioles used home runs by Dwight Smith Jr. and Chris Davis and a three-hit day by Renato Nunez to leave Boston with a four-game series split.

It all started, though, with Straily, who was told by pitching coach Doug Brocail that his performance was far closer to what the O's expected.

“I thought Dan mixed three pitches really well,” Manager Brandon Hyde said. “I thought he had a really good change-up today, and a good slider like usual. But I just thought his pitch mix was awesome.”

Davis wore the same frustrated look on his face as he has countless times this season when home plate umpire Stu Scheurwater called a strike on a 3-1 change-up off the outside corner during his eighth-inning at-bat. But he responded with something that's anything but familiar this season.

The next pitch was an 88-mph slider that Davis turned on and deposited into the right field bleachers for his first home run of the season.

According to MLB's Statcast data, at 108 mph off the bat, the ball was the hardest Davis has hit all season. He's now batting .089 after breaking his record hitless streak Saturday.

— *Baltimore Sun*

## Rangers 12, Angels 7

Joey Gallo homered and grounded a tiebreaking single through an opening in the shift, helping Texas beat Los Angeles in Mike Trout's return after missing three games with a groin injury.

Gallo stopped an O-for-16 skid by homering into the porch in right field.

**L.A.** AB R H B BBSO AVG

Simmons ss.....	5	0	1	0	0	0.197
Pujols 1b.....	3	0	0	1	1	0.224
Goodwin cf.....	3	1	1	3	0	1.333
Smith c.....	3	1	1	0	2	0.143
La Stella 2b.....	4	0	1	1	1	0.190
Cozart 3b.....	4	1	0	0	1	0.098
Fletcher lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0.295
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>

**TOTALS 33 7 8 7 8 1 —**

**TEXAS** AB R H B BBSO AVG

Choo dh.....	5	1	3	1	0	.333
Santana 2b.....	5	2	2	0	0	.500
Andrus ss.....	5	1	1	0	0	.297
Mazara rf.....	3	2	1	2	1	.244
Gallo lf.....	5	2	2	0	0	.216
Cabrera 3b.....	5	2	2	0	0	.246
Forsythe 1b.....	3	0	0	2	1	.219
Kiner-Falecia c.....	4	1	2	1	1	.269
DeShields cf.....	3	1	1	2	0	.209

**TOTALS 38 12 14 11 7 6 —**

**L.A.**.....301 000 120 — 7 8 1

**TEXAS**.....013 043 10X — 12 14 0

**E:** Calhoun (2). **LOB:** Los Angeles 10, Texas 10. **2B:** Smith (1), Fletcher (3), Andrus (4), Gallo (2), Cabrera (2).

**HR:** Goodwin (2), off Miller; Calhoun (3), off Bird; Choo (1), off Cahill; Gallo (5), off Cahill; Cabrera (5), off Jewell.

**L.A.** IP H R ER BBSO ERA

Cahill.....4 5 4 4 2 24.50

Bedrosian.....0.2 4 4 3 1 16.14

Jewell.....1 3 3 3 1 18.10

Morton.....2.1 2 1 1 3 12.86

**TEXAS** IP H R ER BBSO ERA

Miller.....4.1 6 4 4 3 09.00

Dowdy.....2.2 1 1 1 2 15.40

Bird.....1.2 1 2 3 0 6.75

Leclerc.....0.1 0 0 0 0 05.68

**WP:** Dowdy (1-0); **LP:** Bedrosian (1-1);

**S:** Leclerc (4). **Inherited runners-scored:**

Jewell 1-0, Curtiss 1-0, Dowdy 1-0,

Leclerc 3-0. **HBP:** Cahill (Mazara), Bird

(Goodwin). **WP:** Cahill, Bedrosian,

T: 3:26. **A:** 18,265 (49,115).

## Orioles 8, Red Sox 1

BALTIMORE	AB	R	H	B	BBSO	AVG
Villar 2b.....	3	2	1	2	1	.300
Mancini rf.....	5	1	2	0	1	.343
Richard rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	.175
Smith Jr. lf.....	5	1	2	4	0	.270
Ruiz 3b.....	4	1	0	1	0	.200
Nunez dh.....	5	1	3	1	0	.293
Davis 1b.....	3	1	2	1	2	.089
Sucra c.....	3	0	1	0	1	.195
Devers 3b.....	2	0	1	0	1	.254
Mullins cf.....	2	1	0	2	0	.358
Vazquez 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	.111
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9 —</b>

BOSTON	AB	R	H	B	BBSO	AVG
Pedroia dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	.105
Betts cf.....	3	0	0	1	0	.122
Moreland 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	.255
Martinez rf.....	4	0	2	0	0	.344
Bogaerts ss.....	4	1	1	0	0	.304
Devers 3b.....	4	1	1	0	1	.215
Pearce lf.....	3	0	0	1	0	.125
Swihart c.....	2	0	0	1	0	.231
Vazquez 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	.195
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4 —</b>

**BALTIMORE.....010 030 022 — 8 10 0**

**BOSTON.....000 010 000 — 1 4 1**

**E:** Devers (5). **LOB:** Baltimore 6, Boston 4. **2B:** Mancini (6), Smith Jr. (4), Nunez (2), Martinez (5). **HR:** Smith Jr. (3), off Walden; Davis (1), off Hembree. **RBI:** Villar (9), Smith Jr. (4), Nunez (10), Davis (2), Pearce (1). **SB:** Villar (3).

**BALTIMORE** IP H R ER BBSO ERA

Straily.....5 2 1 1 0 210.2

Yacabonis.....1.1 1 0 0 0 13.27

Fry.....0.2 0 0 0 0 13.24

Phillips.....1 0 0 0 0 03.00

Castro.....1 1 0 0 0 09.35

**BOSTON** IP H R ER BBSO ERA

Velazquez.....3 2 1 1 4 12.84

Walden.....2 2 0 0 1 53.38

Brewer.....1 2 0 0 0 16.75

Workman.....1 2 0 0 0 10.00

Hembree.....1 2 2 2 1 05.00

Thorburn.....1 2 2 2 1 16.48

**WP:** Straily (1-1); **LP:** Velazquez (0-1). **Fry** pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. **Inherited runners-scored:** Fry 1-0, Phillips 1-0. **WP:** Velazquez. **T:** 3:17. **A:** 35,880 (37,731).

**ORIOLES LEADERS**

Through Monday's game

Batters	Avg	AB	R	H	RBI
Mancini	.....343	67	17	23	6
Villar	.....300	70	13	21	3
Nunez	.....293	58	10	17	2
Albeto	.....282	39	11	17	3
Smith Jr.	.....270	63	12	17	3
Ruiz	.....200	45	5	9	1
Severino	.....200	20	1	4	0

## Mets 7, Phillies 6 (11)

Juan Lagares scored from second base on Michael Conforto's ground-er in the 11th, and New York beat Philadelphia.

## NEW YORK AB R H B BBSO AVG

Nimmo cf-If.....3 2 1 1 3 1.241

Alonso 1b.....4 1 1 0 1 2.339

d'Arnaud ph.....1 0 0 0 0 0.083

Cano 2b.....5 0 1 2 1 2.185

Conforto rf.....6 1 1 0 0 1.313

Ramos c.....6 1 1 2 0 1.320

McNeil lf-3b.....5 0 3 1 0 0.404

Hoskins 1b.....5 0 1 1 4 2.68

Davis 3b.....3 1 0 1 0 0.263

Herrera cf.....1 0 0 0 0 1.421

Syndergaard p.....2 0 0 0 0 2.000

Broxton ph.....1 0 0 0 0 2.40

Lagares ph-cf.....2 1 1 0 0 0.250

**TOTALS 44 7 12 6 6 11 —**

**PHILA.** AB R H B BBSO AVG

McCutchen lf.....4 1 2 0 2 2.273

Segura ss.....5 0 2 1 1 2.323

Harper rf.....6 1 1 1 0 3.268

Hoskins 1b.....5 0 1 1 4 2.68

Realmutto c.....5 0 1 2 1 2.231

Herrera cf.....5 1 1 0 0 2.267

Hernandez 2b.....4 1 2 0 1 0.222

Franco 3b.....5 1 2 2 0 1.265

Nola p.....1 0 0 0 1 0.000

Williams ph.....1 0 0 0 0 0.231

Altherr ph.....1 0 0 0 0 0.083

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS



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Captain Alex Ovechkin knocked down Hurricanes rookie Andrei Svechnikov in their first-period tussle, but the Capitals gained no momentum from the fight. Washington was outshot 45-18 in its Game 3 defeat.

# Ovechkin wins his bout, but Capitals are punchless in loss

CAPITALS FROM D1

postseason winning streak that dated from Game 1 of last year's Stanley Cup finals snapped. Washington still holds a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series, with Game 4 scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in Raleigh.

"We got to play better," Capitals forward Nicklas Backstrom said. "We got to come out and be a little more focused. That was just, yeah, not our style of play. I think, I mean, it is just everything. Everything can be better. We didn't execute anything."

Carolina looked like the more inspired team as it played in front of a raucous crowd waving its white rally towels after spending a sunny North Carolina afternoon tailgating in the parking lot for the first playoff game in the state since 2009.

Now, instead of having a chance to sweep the series Thursday, the Capitals will face a Hurricanes squad with new-

found momentum and a chance to even the series in front of an energized home base.

Washington fell to 1-9 all-time in Game 3s after taking a 2-0 lead in a best-of-seven series. This year, at least, after winning their first Stanley Cup last season, the Capitals can draw on their experience of withstanding the wild momentum swings that the playoffs can bring. The Capitals remain a confident group.

"I think we learned from last year," captain Alex Ovechkin said. "We've been in bad situations. . . . We stick together, game by game. Win or lose, we forget it and move forward."

Ovechkin provided the Capitals with their most memorable moment of Game 3 when he landed several hard blows in a fight with Carolina rookie Andrei Svechnikov shortly after Warren Foegele scored the game's first goal 9:43 into the first period. Just 79 seconds after the Hurricanes took their first lead of the

series, Ovechkin pummeled Svechnikov.

"He's never fought in his life, and I'm pretty sure Ovi knew that," Carolina Coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "So that stuff bothers me."

Ovechkin, who has been involved in only four fights in his career and had not been in one since December 2010, was challenged by Svechnikov to the fight after the 19-year-old Russian crosschecked Ovechkin several times in front of Washington's net. After Ovechkin delivered the knockout blow, Svechnikov was slow to get off the ice and had to be helped to the dressing room. He was ruled out for the remainder of the game.

"It was big for him, showing his emotion. I mean, he plays hard," goaltender Braden Holtby said of Ovechkin. "Against a kid that kind of, you know, takes a lot of cheap shots and that kind of thing, it was, you know, playoff hockey, but the biggest thing was

that we didn't respond very well after it. We kind of wasted that energy he created, and if it happens again, we won't sit back."

The chippiness continued through the end of the first period and into the second, but Carolina controlled the pace and capitalized on its chances. Foegele's second goal came 6:09 into the second period, and defenseman Dougie Hamilton scored on the power play with a wristed at the top of the circle with 8:20 left to stretch Carolina's lead to 3-0.

The Hurricanes had emphasized a quick start in Game 3 after the Capitals led 3-0 and 2-0 in the first two games. They got what they wanted, and Washington had no answer.

Even though Carolina played on without Svechnikov — and forward Micheal Ferland (upper-body injury) after he exited the ice midway through the first period — the Capitals were un-

**Capitals vs. Hurricanes**  
*Washington leads series, 2-1*

**Game 1:** Capitals 4, Hurricanes 2  
**Game 2:** Capitals 4, Hurricanes 3 (OT)  
**Game 3:** Hurricanes 5, Capitals 0  
**Game 4:** Thursday, 7, NBCSW  
**Game 5:** Saturday, TBD  
**Game 6\*:** Monday, TBD, NBCSW  
**Game 7\*:** April 24, TBD, NBCSW  
*\* If necessary*  
*Games 5 and 7 in Washington.*

**Hurricanes 5, Capitals 0**

WASHINGTON	0	0	0	0
CAROLINA	1	2	2	5

**FIRST PERIOD**

**Scoring:** 1, Carolina, Foegele 1 (McGinn, Faulk), 9:43. **Penalties:** Ovechkin, WSH, Major (fighting), 10:59; Svechnikov, CAR, Major (fighting), 10:59; Staal, CAR, (interference), 11:46; Orlov, WSH, (interference), 17:03.

**SECOND PERIOD**

**Scoring:** 2, Carolina, Foegele 2 (Teravainen, Aho), 6:09. 3, Carolina, Hamilton 1 (Staal, Slavin), 11:40 (pp). **Penalties:** Backstrom, WSH, (interference), 9:48; Carlson, WSH, (roughing), 15:38; Foegele, CAR, (slashing), 15:38.

**THIRD PERIOD**

**Scoring:** 4, Carolina, Hamilton 2 (Foegele, Slavin), 9:47 (pp). 5, Carolina, McGinn 1 (Staal, Martinook), 15:35. **Penalties:** Niederreiter, CAR, (interference), 1:22; Fleury, CAR, (high sticking), 5:31; Eller, WSH, (roughing), 8:19; Connolly, WSH, (roughing), 13:01; Vrana, WSH, (high sticking), 15:46; Hamilton, CAR, (high sticking), 19:22.

**SHOTS ON GOAL**

WASHINGTON	10	1	7	18
CAROLINA	15	18	12	45

**Power-play opportunities:** Washington 0 of 4; Carolina 2 of 5. **Goalies:** Washington, Holtby 2-1 (45 shots-40 saves); Carolina, Mrazek 1-2 (18-18). At 18,783 (18,680). T: 2:42.

able to win many battles in the offensive zone or on special teams. Washington was 0 for 4 on the power play, and Hamilton's second power-play goal near the midpoint of the third period essentially sealed the result.

The second period best exemplified the Capitals' inefficiencies. Their one shot on goal was a team record for the fewest in a period in a road playoff game.

The third period wasn't much better, with the majority of the

Capitals' seven shots coming in the final minutes. By then, Washington was ready to move on and hope for a better result in Game 4 on Thursday.

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ON HOCKEY

## Caps' lack of defensive depth gets exposed as the Hurricanes storm through them

ON HOCKEY FROM D1

trimming Washington's series lead to 2-1. This was on everyone — the five-man, team defense that propelled the squad during last season's title run was nowhere to be found. But the Capitals don't have blue-liner Michal Kempny this time around, either, and that could be a bigger issue than previously imagined.

Washington managed just one shot in the entire second period as Carolina pelted goaltender Braden Holtby with 18 and scored a pair of goals. By the time the final horn mercifully sounded, the Hurricanes had 45 shots to the Capitals' 18, which included a roughly 40-minute stretch in which Washington had just two. Especially embarrassing for the Capitals is that the Hurricanes dominated them without two of their best

forwards; Micheal Ferland suffered an undisclosed upper-body injury after hitting Tom Wilson, and Andrei Svechnikov was knocked out by Alex Ovechkin in a surprising first-period fight.

"We didn't execute anything," Capitals center Nicklas Backstrom said. "And we were just slow. We didn't play with speed. They obviously play the way they wanted to play and got some goals and got energy from that."

Some of the issues that plagued Washington on Monday had cropped up in the first two games, too, when Carolina arguably carried the play. The Capitals were just able to jump out to multi-goal leads in the first period in those games, which in turn led to the Hurricanes playing even more aggressively and then giving up odd-man rushes. On Monday, Carolina

scored the first goal for the first time, and Washington couldn't recover.

"Just being a little more consistent with that execution from the [defensemen] to the forwards and from the forwards usually out of the zone, we can make them pay," defenseman John Carlson said. "But not without execution."

That execution has been lacking since Washington lost Kempny, who tore his left hamstring with nine games left in the regular season, and the Capitals still haven't quite figured out how to replace him. He was acquired before the trade deadline last season, and his slick skating made for a perfect complement beside Carlson. Kempny helped get the puck up the ice perhaps better than any other defenseman in the top four this season, and that's why he and Carlson evolved into

Washington's top pairing as Dmitry Orlov and Matt Niskanen uncharacteristically struggled.

Without Kempny, the Capitals have a handful of options to play with Carlson, but none of them are ideal. Replacing a top-four defenseman was never going to be easy, and it would be problematic for any team. Coach Todd Reirden tried Christian Djoos to Carlson's left, but while Djoos has had success in a sheltered, third-pairing role, it's evident Washington doesn't trust him to play the minutes and matchups a top-four blue-liner is typically tasked with playing.

More concerning is that Reirden has apparently lost trust in Djoos altogether, deploying him for fewer than seven minutes per game over the first two games of the series, in part because Djoos doesn't play on special teams and in part because he has now been on the ice for

four Hurricanes goals in limited time. He played 8:40 on Monday because the Capitals needed the offensive lift he can occasionally provide, but it's not unreasonable to wonder whether Reirden will turn to rookie Jonas Siegenthaler for Game 4 on Thursday.

That won't solve Washington's conundrum in the top four. The team acquired Nick Jensen from the Detroit Red Wings before the trade deadline, and he fits the Kempny mold of a mobile, puck-moving blue-liner. But his fit hasn't been nearly as seamless, and this is the first postseason of his NHL career. The Red Wings' system wasn't as fluid as the Capitals', so while Washington defensemen often end up on their off side throughout the course of a game, Jensen has struggled with that. That's why the right-handed Carlson has been playing the left side to start

this postseason — the team's best defenseman playing out of position.

Carlson and Reirden have downplayed the adjustment, but that's something teams can plan to take advantage of in a series, forcing Carlson to make breakout passes up the middle where they can be easily picked off.

On Monday night, the Capitals were on their heels defending so much that they took penalties, which resulted in two power-play goals.

No one in Washington's dressing room was panicked after the loss, even if it was embarrassing, and the Capitals are still favored to win this series. But if their bid to repeat as Stanley Cup champions falls short with a near-identical roster, it'll probably come back to one significant personnel difference.

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NHL ROUNDUP

# Toronto reclaims series lead vs. Boston

MAPLE LEAFS 3, BRUINS 2

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Auston Matthews scored his first goal of the playoffs and set up another as the Toronto Maple Leafs beat the visiting Boston Bruins, 3-2, on Monday night to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-seven Eastern Conference series.

Andreas Johnsson, also with a goal and an assist, and Trevor Moore provided the rest of the offense for Toronto. Frederik Andersen made 34 saves.

David Krejci and Charlie Coyle scored for Boston. Tuukka Rask stopped 31 shots.

The Maple Leafs won the series opener, 4-1, on Wednesday in Boston before losing by the same score Saturday. Game 4 is Wednesday in Toronto.

Less than an hour before puck drop, the Maple Leafs learned that center Nazem Kadri had been suspended for the rest of the series for a vicious crosscheck to the head of Bruins winger Jake DeBrusk in the third period of Game 2.

Kadri was offered an in-person hearing by the NHL, meaning the league had the option to suspend him for more than five games.

It was the fifth suspension of Kadri's career. He was banned three games for boarding in the opener of last year's series with the Bruins and had seven previous hearings with the NHL since 2013. All four of his previous suspensions involved contact with an opponent's head.

•**PREDATORS 3, STARS 2:** Mikael Granlund scored at 11:41 of the third period to snap a tie and give Nashville a victory in Dallas.

Rocco Grimaldi and Filip Forsberg scored in the second period for the Predators, who took a 2-1 series lead.

Mats Zuccarello pulled the Stars within a goal late in the second period, and Tyler Seguin tied it at 2 for Dallas at 8:15 of the third.

Game 4 is Wednesday night in Dallas.

Vigneault will coach Flyers

The Philadelphia Flyers hired Alain Vigneault as head coach, hoping the veteran can lead them to their first Stanley Cup since 1975.

Vigneault has led the New York Rangers and Vancouver Canucks to the Stanley Cup finals and takes over a Flyers team that missed the playoffs for the second time in three seasons. Flyers General Manager Chuck Fletcher made his first big move since he was hired in November after Ron Hextall was fired.

Fletcher fired coach Dave Hakstol a month later and replaced him with interim coach Scott Gordon. There was no immediate word whether Gordon would stay in the organization.

"The history they have established and the passionate fan base has made this a first-class franchise. I am excited to work with Chuck, the talented group of players and the prospects coming up through the system in order to return Philadelphia to the top of the NHL landscape," Vigneault said.

The Flyers went 37-37-8 for 82 points this season and haven't reached the second round of the playoffs since 2012. Gordon was 25-22-4 in 51 games. The Flyers most recently played in the Stanley Cup finals in 2010.

The Rangers made the playoffs in four of Vigneault's five seasons as coach, including a 2014 trip to the Stanley Cup finals. They went 226-147-37 in the regular season under Vigneault, who is third in regular season and playoff wins in franchise history.

Vigneault, 57, has coached 16 NHL seasons with the Montreal Canadiens, Canucks and Rangers. His teams made the playoffs 11 times, and he took Vancouver to the 2011 Stanley Cup finals. He was named NHL coach of the year in 2006-07 with the Canucks.

"He brings a tremendous amount of success over an extended period of time that will prove valuable to our team to take the next steps in returning the winning culture to the Philadelphia Flyers organization," Fletcher said.

The Flyers are a franchise in flux with a core of veterans that has failed to win many meaningful games.

Vigneault, a native of Quebec, will be the head coach for Canada at next month's world championships in Slovakia.

# Unlike last year's, QB draft class is a mixed bag

BY MARK MASKE

Few classes of NFL rookie quarterbacks were as celebrated as last year's group of Baker Mayfield, Sam Darnold, Josh Allen and Josh Rosen. All four were chosen in the top 10 of last year's draft, beginning with Mayfield first overall by the Cleveland Browns, and the Baltimore Ravens made it five quarterbacks taken in the opening round when they traded up to select Lamar Jackson with the 32nd pick.

This year's draft class of quarterbacks is, by comparison, ordinary and unexciting. Its ranks were bolstered when Kyler Murray, the Heisman Trophy winner who succeeded Mayfield at Oklahoma, chose football over baseball and became an intriguing candidate to be the No. 1 selection by the Arizona Cardinals on April 25.

But as talent evaluators in and around the league debate the skills and potential of other available quarterbacks, such as Ohio State's Dwayne Haskins, Missouri's Drew Lock, Duke's Daniel Jones, N.C. State's Ryan Finley and West Virginia's Will Grier, there is little consensus.

Some maintain it is a better-than-advertised class that is likely to yield several solid starters and a prospective megastar in the dynamic Murray. Others contend it is a pedestrian group in which most of the quarterbacks beyond Murray could end up as backups.

"I've talked to people who tell me if [Murray] doesn't pan out, there's not a single starter in this group," a high-ranking team executive said at last month's annual league meeting in Phoenix. "I'm not sure I'm buying that. It's not like it's a terrible group. I like some of these guys, and the odds are a couple of them will become decent starters. But it's nothing like last year."

But there are defenders of this quarterback class. Browns General Manager John Dorsey scoffed when asked about some observers dismissing the group.

"There's some really talented



GERRY BROOME/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daniel Jones is one of several quarterbacks lumped together behind potential No. 1 pick Kyler Murray.

players in this draft class," Dorsey said at the scouting combine in Indianapolis. "I don't know why they would be dismissing them. . . . I think this is a pretty good draft class."

Murray is the headliner and almost certainly is the most interesting player in an otherwise defense-centric draft. He is an electrifying runner and a highly capable passer with both arm strength and accuracy. He was selected ninth in last year's Major League Baseball draft by the Oakland Athletics but opted for football and said at the combine that he won't revisit or second-guess his choice.

"I'm ready to go," he said. "I was born a football player. I love

this game. There was no turning back when I made this decision. I'm 100 percent in."

Murray made it two straight Heisman winners for Oklahoma at quarterback, following Mayfield, and could make it two straight No. 1 selections in the draft. The Cardinals traded up to pick Rosen 10th last year. But they could move Rosen — possibly to the Washington Redskins — if they believe Murray is too good to pass up and too perfect of a fit for the offense of new coach Kliff Kingsbury.

Murray said it would be a fulfillment of a dream to be drafted with the top pick, but he vowed not to be miffed if that doesn't work out.

"I'm not going into it with any expectations of, 'If this guy gets taken before me, I'm going to be upset.' Nah," he said. "I'm going to be happy wherever I go. It's an opportunity to go play football. Wherever I land is getting a guy that loves this game, is ready to go, and I'm a winner."

Traditional NFL notions about needing a statuesque pocket passer have mostly been set aside in this age of college-style offenses and dual-threat quarterbacks, helped by the success of other vertically challenged quarterbacks such as Seattle's Russell Wilson and New Orleans's Drew Brees. But Murray — who measured 5-foot-10 at the combine — must show that he, too, can get

BARRY SVRLUGA

## All of a sudden, it's fair to rekindle that old debate: Tiger vs. Jack

SVRLUGA FROM D1

behind victorious Graeme McDowell, in 2010.

So there's some easy math: Tiger has won at Bethpage *and* Pebble Beach. Given how he played this past weekend, why couldn't he do it again? It's just so darn tantalizing.

Ah, but age. Age.

The Woods who drummed the field at Pebble Beach was 24, more flexible and athletic than anyone else in the tournament. The Woods who won at Bethpage was 26, still nearly two years away from overhauling his swing for a second time.

That Woods was in his prime. This Woods couldn't even swing a golf club two years ago. Four back surgeries will do that to a guy.

Before last summer, it was ridiculous to even consider any of this. Woods turned 40 at the end of 2015, right in the middle of what seemed to be the complete deterioration of his body and his career. From 2014 through 2017, there were 16 majors. Woods sat out 10 of them and missed the cut in four others. The times he played on the weekend: twice, finishing 69th at the 2014 British Open and tied for 17th at the Masters the following spring.

That's not a guy who could push Jack. That's a guy whose career is, basically, over.

Except now it's not. At last Tuesday's Champions Dinner at Augusta National, Gary Player, who joins Woods and Nicklaus as one of just five players to win nine majors, spoke to Woods about his pursuit.

"I'm not finished yet," Player said Woods told him.

"That's encouraging," Player said, and in the next breath: "Can he win five majors to beat Jack? I don't think so."

Now the necessary number is four. Four is the entire career of Ernie Els and both Tom Morris, Old and Young. Four is the entire career of Raymond Floyd and one more than Tommy Armour and Billy Casper, Vijay Singh and Payne Stewart. Four is a lot.

Woods is not the oldest player to win the Masters. That title, of course, belongs to Nicklaus, whose 1986 victory at 46 was, before Sunday, the obvious choice as Augusta's most sentimental moment.

That victory for Nicklaus was, in fact, an outlier in his career. It was the only major he won after turning 41. Woods's victory at



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Tiger Woods's victory at the Masters on Sunday was his 15th major championship, leaving him three behind Jack Nicklaus's record.

Augusta is an even more extreme outlier at the moment. It's his only major after turning 33 — still difficult to fathom given where Woods was in his career at the 2008 U.S. Open.

Woods's physical rebuilding — don't forget the surgeries on his busted leg, on which he won that 2008 Open — is the basis for anyone who believes he can do this. At 43, he hasn't lost his ability to drive it with the big boys. Not *past* Dustin Johnson and Brooks Koepka and Rory McIlroy and Tony Finau. But competitive with them. And he said he's getting better, not worse.

"I ramped up the speed," Woods said Sunday. "I'm starting

to have a little pop in the bat out there."

By winning the Masters at 43 years 3 months 16 days old, Woods didn't even crack the list of top 10 oldest major winners. (If he wins at any point later this year, he'll bump out Ted Ray's victory at the 1920 U.S. Open for 10th.) Many multiple-major champions put a nice bow on their careers by taking one late in life: Floyd at the 1986 U.S. Open at 43, Harry Vardon's seventh at the 1914 British Open at 44, Lee Trevino's seventh at the 1984 PGA at 45.

The players currently on tour believe they should have an advantage.

"There's no reason, now, with

the knowledge we have in fitness, the knowledge we have in biomechanics and the knowledge we have with nutrition and so forth," Mickelson said, "that we, at a much older age than in the past, should be able to perform at a very high level."

And he left out perhaps the most important element: equipment.

Either way, Mickelson should know. He won the most recent of his five majors (the 2013 British Open) a month after turning 43. And he expects to contend in more.

The reality is, though, it gets harder. In Mickelson's 21 majors since that title, he has just three top-10 finishes.

it done.

"I've never been the biggest guy on the field," he said in Indianapolis. "But I've said it multiple times: I feel like I'm the most impactful guy on the field. I'm the best player on the field at all times. That's the confidence that I have in myself and my teammates have in me."

Haskins, Lock and Jones probably will be the next three quarterbacks taken, in some order, and most seem to regard them as probable first-rounders.

"I keep a chip on my shoulder," Lock said at the combine. "I'm a quarterback from the middle of Missouri, the middle of the country. I'm not a quarterback from California. I'm not a quarterback from Texas. I'm not a quarterback from Florida. I went to the University of Missouri. I feel like I've always had a chip on my shoulder, and that's going to drive me for the rest of my career."

Lock said it's important for a quarterback to take a broader view beyond the pick at which he is chosen.

"Sure, we want to go as high as we can," he said. "But we also want to play in the league as long as we can. . . . That's what I'm looking for — just the best fit for me to be able to stay in the league as long as I can."

The quarterbacks' games — and, in some cases, their lives — will be picked apart until the draft arrives. But once it does, quarterback-needy teams clamor for whoever's available, and quarterbacks seem to move up draft boards more often than they fall.

"We all know it's a quarterback-driven league and you have to have certain pieces in place to move a team forward," Dorsey said. "It just so happens to be the quarterback position. You first and foremost have to get that position right regardless of if it's a trade or the draft or unrestricted free agency. . . . A team is basically 53 players, not one person. But that one person is very important."

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To pass Nicklaus, Woods doesn't need a one-off. He needs a four-off. And no player has won more than one major beyond age 43.

"I really haven't thought about that yet," Woods said Sunday night, wearing that fifth green jacket.

Good. Leave that to us. We can chew on the numbers that say it's unlikely — decidedly so. But then we can rewind the DVR and watch Sunday's final round one more time. Tiger catching Jack? It's nice for it to be appropriate to wonder again.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

# St. Stephen’s/St. Agnes enjoys a little payback

FROM STAFF REPORTS

*Rankings for spring sports will be published biweekly this season. In the weeks they don't appear, The Washington Post will provide a roundup of key stories throughout the area. The rankings cited here are from last week.*

### Girls' lacrosse

Last season, for the first time in 21 years — which is as far back as league records are kept — St. Stephen's/St. Agnes failed to win the Independent School League AA tournament because of a 10-9 loss to Holton-Arms in the semifinals. The No. 1 Saints avenged that loss by beating Holton-Arms, 18-10, on Tuesday. Midfielders Kennon Moon and Christina Cavallo scored four goals apiece, and Emma Bradley made eight saves. . . . No. 7 Riverside, No. 10 Dominion, Madison and Herndon remain undefeated. Riverside plays Dominion on May 3. . . . No. 3 Georgetown Visitation, after losing three of four games — each by one goal — bounced back nicely with a four-game winning streak.

— David J. Kim

### Boys' lacrosse

After winning an overtime thriller against rival Landon two weeks ago, No. 2 Bullis took care of business in Alexandria by beating No. 5 St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, 14-10, on a rainy Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs scored six straight goals in the first half to take the lead and didn't look back. Robert Schain led the offense with seven goals and two assists. Bryson Shaw added four goals. . . . No. 6 Briar Woods (9-0) is continuing to dominate in Northern Virginia. Only one opponent has scored in double figures against the Falcons. . . . In Maryland, No. 4 Severna Park beat rival Broadneck, 16-7, on Friday to continue its winning streak. Jimmy Maher had eight goals and three assists.

— David J. Kim

### Softball

No. 1 Madison had its 49-game winning streak snapped. The Warhawks (7-1) fell to Delaware's Sussex Technical, 2-1, on Saturday, in their first six games at the Grand Strand Softball Classic in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The two-time defending Virginia Class 6 champions had not lost since April 26, 2017. . . . No. 3 Huntington scored the final 14 runs in a 14-4 win against Patuxent on Wednesday, led by sophomore Sophie Futchko's four hits. Seniors Tori Fletcher and Ashley Anderson combined for a no-hitter in a 17-0 win Friday against Westlake. The Hurricanes (9-0) have not lost since a 2-1 defeat at La Plata on April 26, 2018. . . . Loudoun Valley's 3-2 win at Woodgrove on Thursday marked

the latest twist in the topsy-turvy Dulles District. The Vikings, just 4-5 overall, have victories against Loudoun County (9-2) and Woodgrove (8-3).

— Kate Yanchulis

### Baseball

Sherwood returned key contributors from last season on offense, such as Maryland signee Michael Bouma, and it also brought back seven pitchers who have spurred the No. 3 Warriors' success. On Wednesday, right-hander Ian Brady threw a perfect game in a win over Blair. Coach Sean Davis's squad has posted six consecutive shutouts entering its game against No. 8 Bethesda-Chevy Chase this week. . . . Georgetown Prep left-hander Ryan Gleason tossed a no-hitter in the Little Hoyas' 7-0 win over St. Albans on Tuesday.

— Kyle Melnick

### Girls' soccer

In a top-10 battle of neighbors, No. 9 Patriot upset No. 3 Battlefield, 2-1, on Friday. Madison Birge and Erin Ackerman scored for the Pioneers. . . . No. 5 Loudoun County enters spring break on a six-game winning streak after another high-scoring victory Wednesday. The Raiders blew out Heritage, 6-1, for their fifth win in a row that featured five or more goals. . . . At 6-0-3, Stone Bridge is off to an undefeated start one year after finishing the 2018 regular season under .500. Sophomore Natasha Rabinowitch and junior Julia Rubino scored in the team's most recent game, a 2-1 win over rival Broad Run.

— Michael Errigo

### Boys' soccer

No. 1 South Lakes lost its first match of the season Thursday, falling, 1-0, to Herndon. Jake Gelinas's header handed the Hornets a stunning victory, just their second this year. . . . No. 8 Washington-Lee bounced back from a 4-3 loss to McLean with its best scoring total of the season in a 6-2 victory over Langley. The Generals' scoring was provided by a young and talented trio: Sophomore Julio Rodriguez put up a hat trick, junior Joe Core found the back of the net twice, and freshman Brandon Bonilla buried a penalty kick. . . . Park View has won three straight after junior Elton Quintanilla scored twice in the Patriots' 3-1 win over Dominion in double overtime. The program, which finished 11-4 last year, looks to be back on track this season after a 2-4 start.

— Michael Errigo

### Track and field

Bullis junior Leah Phillips ran the country's fastest girls' 400-meter hurdles time at the Bullis Invitational on Saturday with a mark of 1:00-.01.

— Kyle Melnick

### WCAC SOFTBALL

## Knights win, but league continues to catch up

### O'CONNELL 10, PAUL VI 6

BY KATE YANCHULIS

Bishop O'Connell seemed primed for a big softball win Monday after it jumped to a six-run lead in the first two innings.

In the top of the third, though, a three-run homer by Paul VI senior Lizzie Thibodeau halted the Knights' momentum. Rather than run away with a win, O'Connell dug in for a battle.

While the Knights emerged in dirt-covered jerseys with a 10-6 victory on their home field in Arlington, the game provided the latest evidence that the longtime heavyweight in the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference faces stiff competition this season.

"In the past few years, it's been us ahead of everybody, but I feel like this year it's super even," O'Connell junior catcher Meadow Sacadura said.

The perennial power in the WCAC, O'Connell (13-4-1) has won three consecutive conference championships and 13 of the past 16. This offseason, though, star pitcher Kathryn Sandercock graduated, and Tommy Orndorff, the Knights' coach of 33 years, retired. So the Knights needed to reestablish themselves as their WCAC opponents improved.

In the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association tournament last season, Paul VI (10-7) emerged as an up-and-comer. As

the No. 6 seed in the eight-team event, the Panthers pulled off two upsets to reach the final, where O'Connell held off the Panthers' late rally to earn a 4-2 win.

O'Connell had dominated the previous two meetings, winning 19-3 and 9-0, but those results held no bearing on the state title game. Similarly, O'Connell topped Paul VI, 13-3, in their first meeting this season, but Monday's game was a much different beast.

"O'Connell gets a lot of focus, with good reason, because O'Connell has been a very strong program for so long," Paul VI Coach Ann Marie Boyd said. "But there's a lot to be said for the intensity of the conference as a whole. There's a lot of really good talent."

St. Mary's Ryken gave O'Connell its first loss of the season and its lone WCAC loss to date with an 18-14 win in 10 innings March 18. On April 8, the teams tied, 2-2, in a lightning-shortened game.

"It was a dogfight until the end, so it was kind of a bummer it ended in a tie," St. Mary's Ryken Coach Steph Dameron said. "Still, we are well prepared for the playoffs. We know we're evenly matched with O'Connell, and if anything we want to prove that first win wasn't a fluke."

But even as other teams get stronger, O'Connell remains the measuring stick in the WCAC.

"They're gritty little competitors," first-year O'Connell coach Suzy Willemssen said of her players. "Even with so much being new to them, they've really done a super job."

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### BASKETBALL

#### NBA playoffs

##### FIRST ROUND

Best of seven

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

###### BUCKS LEAD PISTONS, 1-0

Game 1: at Milwaukee 121, Detroit 86  
Wednesday's game: Detroit at Milwaukee, 8  
Saturday's game: Milwaukee at Detroit, 8  
Monday's game: Milwaukee at Detroit, 8  
x-Wednesday, April 24: Detroit at Milwaukee, TBD  
x-Friday, April 26: Milwaukee at Detroit, TBD  
x-Sunday, April 28: Detroit at Milwaukee, TBD

###### MAGIC LEADS RAPTORS, 1-0

Game 1: Orlando 104, at Toronto 101  
Tuesday's game: Orlando at Toronto, 8  
Friday's game: Toronto at Orlando, 7  
Sunday's game: Toronto at Orlando, 7  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Orlando at Toronto, TBD  
x-Thursday, April 25: Toronto at Orlando, TBD  
x-Saturday, April 27: Orlando at Toronto, TBD

###### NETS AND 76ERS TIED, 1-1

Game 1: Brooklyn 111, at Philadelphia 102  
Game 2: at Philadelphia 155, Brooklyn 123  
Wednesday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 8  
Saturday's game: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 3  
Tuesday, April 23: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD  
x-Thursday, April 25: Philadelphia at Brooklyn, TBD  
x-Friday, April 27: Brooklyn at Philadelphia, TBD

###### CELTICS LEAD PACERS, 1-0

Game 1: at Boston 84, Indiana 74  
Wednesday's game: Indiana at Boston, 7  
Friday's game: Boston at Indiana, 8:30  
Sunday's game: Boston at Indiana, 1  
x-Wednesday, April 24: Indiana at Boston, TBD  
x-Friday, April 26: Boston at Indiana, TBD  
x-Sunday, April 28: Indiana at Boston, TBD

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

###### WARRIORS LEAD CLIPPERS, 1-0

Game 1: at Golden State 121, L.A. Clippers 104  
Monday's result: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, Late  
Thursday's game: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 10:30  
Sunday's game: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, 3:30  
x-Wednesday, April 24: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, TBD

x-Friday, April 26: Golden State at L.A. Clippers, TBD  
x-Sunday, April 28: L.A. Clippers at Golden State, TBD

###### SPURS LEAD NUGGETS, 1-0

Game 1: San Antonio 101, at Denver 96  
Tuesday's game: San Antonio at Denver, 9  
Thursday's game: Denver at San Antonio, 9  
Saturday's game: Denver at San Antonio, 5:30  
x-Thursday, April 23: San Antonio at Denver, TBD  
x-Friday, April 25: Denver at San Antonio, TBD  
x-Saturday, April 27: San Antonio at Denver, TBD

###### TRAIL BLAZERS LEAD THUNDER, 1-0

Game 1: at Portland 104, Oklahoma City 99  
Tuesday's game: Oklahoma City at Portland, 10:30  
Friday's game: Portland at Oklahoma City, 9:30  
Sunday's game: Portland at Oklahoma City, 9:30  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Portland, TBD  
x-Thursday, April 25: Portland at Oklahoma City, TBD  
x-Saturday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Portland, TBD

###### ROCKETS LEAD JAZZ, 1-0

Game 1: at Houston 122, Utah 100  
Wednesday's game: Utah at Houston, 9:30  
Saturday's game: Houston at Utah, 10:30  
Monday's game: Houston at Utah, 10:30  
x-Wednesday, April 24: Utah at Houston, TBD  
x-Friday, April 26: Houston at Utah, TBD  
x-Sunday, April 28: Utah at Houston, TBD

x-If necessary

### 76ers 145, Nets 123

BROOKLYN ..... 28 36 23 36 = 123  
PHILADELPHIA ..... 34 31 51 29 = 145

BROOKLYN: Carroll 2-7 0-0 6, Kurucs 3-7 2-8, Allen 3-4 3-4 9, Russell 6-16 1-1 16, J.Harris 1-4 2-2 4, Graham 2-4 1-4 5, Hollis-Jefferson 5-10 5-6 15, Davis 1-1 0-0 2, Napier 4-6 3-4 13, Dinwiddie 8-16 1-0 119, LeVert 3-8 5-5 13, Musa 2-2 0-0 4, Butler 3-5 0-0 9, Totals 45-90 22-29 123.

PHILADELPHIA: Pinnix 3-10 1-2 7, T.Harris 5-12 7-7 19, Embiid 8-12 7-8 23, B.Simmons 9-12 2-4 18, Redick 7-12 1-17, Ennis 11-2 2-2 2-6, Bolden 0-1 2-11, Scott 5-7 2-2 15, Monroe 2-3 0-0 5, Marjanovic 8-14 0-0 16, McConnell 4-5 0-8, Korkmaz 2-4 2-7, J.Simmons 1-3 1-23, Totals 55-98 26-32 145.

Three-point Goals: Brooklyn 15-36 (Pinnix 3-4, Russell 3-7, Dinwiddie 3-7, Napier 2-3, LeVert 2-4, Carroll 2-5, J.Harris 0-2, Graham 0-2, Kurucs 0-2), Philadelphia 9-23 (Scott 3-5, T.Harris 2-4, Redick 2-5, Monroe 1-2, Korkmaz 1-2, Butler 0-1, Bolden 0-2, J.Simmons 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Brooklyn 32 (Allen 6), Philadelphia 49 (B.Simmons, Embiid 10). Assists: Brooklyn 20 (Allen 4), Philadelphia 29 (B.Simmons 12). Total Fouls: Brooklyn 24, Philadelphia 23. Technicals: Brooklyn coach Nets (Defensive three second), Redick, A: 20:591 (20:478).

### Rockets 122, Jazz 90

Late Sunday

UTAH ..... 24 20 27 19 = 90  
HOUSTON ..... 31 28 24 39 = 122

UTAH: Ingles 1-4 0-0 3, Favors 5-8 3-4 13, Gobert 8-10 6-22, Rubio 5-11 4-4 15, Mitchell 7-18 2-3 19, O'Neale 1-5 0-2 3, Seferosha 1-6 0-0 3, Crowder 1-9 6-9 1, Niang 1-2 0-2, Udoh 0-0 0-0, Neto 0-20 0-0, Korver 0-0 0-2 3, Allen 0-2 0-0 0, Totals 30-77 23-27 90.

HOUSTON: Gordon 5-10 1-0 7, Tucker 4-8 0-0 11, Davis 8-13 0-0 16, Napier 2-3, LeVert 2-4, Carroll 2-5, J.Harris 0-2, Graham 0-2, Kurucs 0-2), Philadelphia 9-23 (Scott 3-5, T.Harris 2-4, Redick 2-5, Monroe 1-2, Korkmaz 1-2, Butler 0-1, Bolden 0-2, J.Simmons 0-2). Fouled Out: None. Rebounds: Brooklyn 32 (Allen 6), Philadelphia 49 (B.Simmons, Embiid 10). Assists: Brooklyn 20 (Allen 4), Philadelphia 29 (B.Simmons 12). Total Fouls: Utah 17 (Rubio 6), Houston 25 (Harden 10). Total Fouls: Utah 20, Houston 20. Technicals: Houston coach Rockets (Defensive three second), A: 18:055 (18:500).

### RUNNING

#### Boston Marathon top finishers

##### MEN

1. Lawrence Cherono, Kenya, 2:07:57.  
2. Lelisa Desisa, Ethiopia, 2:07:59.  
3. Kenneth Kipkemai, Kenya, 2:08:07.  
4. Felix Kandie, Kenya, 2:08:52.  
5. Geoffrey Kirui, Kenya, 2:08:55.  
6. Philemon Rono, Kenya, 2:08:58.  
7. Scott Fauble, United States, 2:09:10.  
8. Jared Ward, United States, 2:09:25.  
9. Festus Talam, Kenya, 2:09:25.  
10. Benson Kipruto, Kenya, 2:09:53.  
11. Ekanah Kibet, United States, 2:11:51.  
12. Hiroto Inoue, Japan, 2:11:53.  
13. August Maier, United States, 2:12:40.  
14. Darian Mesfun Teklehman, Eritrea, 2:13:05.  
15. Shadrack Biwott, United States, 2:13:11.  
16. Mohamed Reda El Aaraby, Morocco, 2:13:46.  
17. Yuki Kawachi, Japan, 2:15:29.  
18. Hayato Sonoda, Japan, 2:15:58.  
19. Dathan Ritzenhein, United States, 2:16:19.  
20. Brendan Gregg, United States, 2:16:46.  
21. Matthew McDonald, United States, 2:16:58.  
22. Enoch Naderi, United States, 2:17:06.  
23. Scott Overall, Britain, 2:17:57.  
24. Brandon Smith, United States, 2:18:01.  
25. Abdi Abdirahman, United States, 2:18:56.

##### WOMEN

1. Worknesh Degefa, Ethiopia, 2:23:31.  
2. Lucy De Los Santos, United States, 2:24:12.  
3. Jordan Haysy, United States, 2:25:20.  
4. Meskerem Assefa, Ethiopia, 2:25:40.  
5. Desiree Linden, United States, 2:27:00.  
6. Caroline Rotich, Kenya, 2:28:27.  
7. Beth Shannahan, Kenya, 2:28:37.  
8. Birukayit Eshetu, Ethiopia, 2:29:10.  
9. Lindsay Frazier, United States, 2:30:07.  
10. Betsy Salina, Kenya, 2:30:32.  
11. Flionuala McCormack, Ireland, 2:30:38.  
12. Kate Pallary, United States, 2:30:57.  
13. Katie Ledecky, United States, 2:31:56.  
14. Bridget Belyeu, United States, 2:34:25.  
15. Sara Hall, United States, 2:35:34.  
16. Alyson Dixon, Britain, 2:35:43.  
17. Becky Wade, United States, 2:36:14.  
18. Hilary Dionne, United States, 2:36:21.  
19. Sarah Sellers, United States, 2:36:42.  
20. Margaret Njuguna, Kenya, 2:38:04.  
21. Bria Wetsch, United States, 2:38:10.  
22. Kate Pallary, United States, 2:38:27.  
23. Sarah Pease, United States, 2:39:08.  
24. Kimi Reed, United States, 2:40:12.  
25. Dawn Grunigale, United States, 2:40:26.

##### HANDCYCLE

##### MEN

1. Tom Davis, United States, 1:01:22.  
2. De Los Santos, United States, 1:02:48.  
3. Matthew Chaffee, United States, 1:13:36.  
4. Krys Zybowski, United States, 1:13:36.  
5. Omar Duran, United States, 1:16:59.

##### WOMEN

1. Devann Murphy, United States, 2:01:02.  
2. Beth Sanden, United States, 2:09:53.  
3. Adessa Ellis, United States, 2:12:01.  
4. Corey Petersen, United States, 2:14:11.

##### PUSHIRN WHEELCHAIRS

##### MEN

1. Daniel Romanchuk, United States, 1:21:36.  
2. Masazumi Soejima, Japan, 1:24:30.  
3. Marcel Wong, Switzerland, 1:26:42.  
4. Aaron Pike, United States, 1:27:09.  
5. Ernst van Dyk, South Africa, 1:27:23.

##### WOMEN

1. Manuela Schar, Switzerland, 1:34:19.  
2. Tatyana McFadden, United States, 1:41:35.  
3. Madison De Rozario, Australia, 1:41:35.  
4. Eliza Ault-Connell, Australia, 1:41:46.  
5. Susannah Scaroni, United States, 1:42:34.

### HOCKEY

#### Stanley Cup playoffs

##### FIRST ROUND

Best of seven

##### EASTERN CONFERENCE

###### CAPITALS LEAD HURRICANES, 2-1

Game 1: at Washington 4, Carolina 2  
Game 2: at Washington 4, Carolina 3 (OT)  
Game 3: at Carolina 5, Washington 0  
Thursday's game: Washington at Carolina, 7  
Saturday's game: Carolina at Washington, TBD  
x-Monday's game: Washington at Carolina, TBD  
x-Wednesday, April 24: Carolina at Washington, TBD

###### BLUE JACKETS LEAD LIGHTNING, 3-0

Game 1: Columbus 4, at Tampa Bay 3  
Game 2: Columbus 5, at Tampa Bay 1  
Game 3: at Columbus 3, Tampa Bay 1  
Tuesday's game: Tampa Bay at Columbus, 7  
x-Friday's game: Columbus at Tampa Bay, TBD  
x-Sunday's game: Tampa Bay at Columbus, TBD  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Columbus at Tampa Bay, TBD

###### MAPLE LEAFS LEAD BRUINS, 2-1

Game 1: Toronto 4, at Boston 1  
Game 2: at Boston 4, Toronto 1  
Game 3: at Toronto 2, Boston 2  
Wednesday's game: Boston at Toronto, 7  
Friday's game: Toronto at Boston, TBD  
x-Sunday's game: Boston at Toronto, TBD  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Toronto at Boston, TBD

###### ISLANDERS LEAD PENGUINS, 3-0

Game 1: at N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3 (OT)  
Game 2: at N.Y. Islanders 3, Pittsburgh 1  
Game 3: N.Y. Islanders 4, at Pittsburgh 1  
Tuesday's game: N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7:30  
x-Thursday's game: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, TBD  
x-Saturday's game: N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, TBD  
x-Monday's game: Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, TBD

##### WESTERN CONFERENCE

###### PREDATORS LEAD STARS, 2-1

Game 1: Dallas 3, at Nashville 2  
Game 2: at Nashville 2, Dallas 1 (OT)  
Game 3: Nashville 3, at Dallas 2  
Wednesday's game: Nashville at Dallas, 8  
Saturday's game: Dallas at Nashville, TBD  
x-Monday's game: Nashville at Dallas, TBD  
x-Wednesday, April 24: Dallas at Nashville, TBD

###### BLUES LEAD JETS, 2-1

Game 1: St. Louis 2, at Winnipeg 1  
Game 2: at St. Louis 4, at Winnipeg 3  
Game 3: Winnipeg 6, at St. Louis 3  
Tuesday's game: Winnipeg at St. Louis, 9:30  
Thursday's game: St. Louis at Winnipeg, TBD  
x-Saturday's game: Winnipeg at St. Louis, TBD  
x-Monday's game: St. Louis at Winnipeg, TBD

###### FLAMES AND AVALANCHE TIED, 1-1

Game 1: at Calgary 4, Colorado 0  
Game 2: Colorado 3, at Calgary 2 (OT)  
Monday's result: Calgary at Colorado, Late  
Wednesday's game: Calgary at Colorado, 10  
Friday's game: Colorado at Calgary, TBD  
x-Sunday's game: Calgary at Colorado, TBD  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Colorado at Calgary, TBD

###### GOLDEN KNIGHTS LEAD SHARKS, 2-1

Game 1: at San Jose 5, Vegas 2  
Game 2: Vegas 5, at San Jose 3  
Game 3: at Vegas 6, San Jose 3  
Tuesday's game: San Jose at Vegas, 10:30  
Thursday's game: Vegas at San Jose, TBD  
x-Sunday's game: San Jose at Vegas, TBD  
x-Tuesday, April 23: Vegas at San Jose, TBD

x-If necessary

### Predators 3, Stars 2

NASHVILLE ..... 0 2 1 = 3  
DALLAS ..... 0 1 1 = 2

##### SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Nashville, Grimaldi 2 (Subban, Salomaki), 3:29. 2, Nashville, Forsberg 1 (Bonino), 14:35. 3, Dallas, Zuccarello 2 (Klingberg), 17:11.

##### THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Dallas, Seguin 1 (Radulov, Benn), 8:15. 5, Nashville, Granlund 1 (Fabbro, Turris), 11:41.

##### SHOTS ON GOAL

NASHVILLE ..... 14 6 8 = 28  
DALLAS ..... 11 16 15 = 42

Power-play opportunities: Nashville 0 of 1; Dallas 0 of 4. Goals: Nashville, Rinne 2-1 (42 shots-40 saves). Dallas, Bishop 1-2 (28-25). At 18:532 (18:532). T: 2:36.

### Maple Leafs 3, Bruins 2

BOSTON ..... 0 2 0 = 2  
TORONTO ..... 0 3 0 = 3

##### SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Toronto, Moore 1 (Ennis, Rielly), 2:38. 2, Boston, Krejci 1 (DeBruin, Kuhlman), 3:30. 3, Toronto, Matthews 1 (Johnson, Marnier), 10:12 (pp). 4, Toronto, Johnson 1 (Tavares, Matthews), 17:12 (pp). 5, Boston, Coyle 2 (Grzelcyk, Heinen), 19:22 (pp).

##### SHOTS ON GOAL

BOSTON ..... 15 11 10 = 36  
TORONTO ..... 10 16 8 = 34

Power-play opportunities: Boston 1 of 3; Toronto 2 of 3. Goals: Boston, Risk 1-2 (34 shots-31 saves). Toronto, Andersen 2-1 (36-34). At 19:611 (18:819). T: 2:34.

### Golden Knights 6, Sharks 3

Late Sunday

SAN JOSE ..... 1 0 2 = 3  
VEGAS ..... 2 2 2 = 6

##### FIRST PERIOD

Scoring: 1, Vegas, Stone 4 (Schmidt, Engelland), 0:16. 2, Vegas, Pacioretty 2 (Theodore, Stone), 12:16 (pp). 3, San Jose, Labanc 1 (Thornton, Sorenson), 15:26.

##### SECOND PERIOD

Scoring: 4, Vegas, Stastny 1 (Stone, Pacioretty), 0:21. 5, Vegas, Stastny 2 (Theodore, Stone), 16:04 (pp).

##### THIRD PERIOD

Scoring: 6, Vegas, Stone 5 (Marchessault, Stastny), 0:36. 7, San Jose, Couture 2 (E.Karlsson, Jones), 4:57 (pp). 8, San Jose, Meier 1 (Nyquist), 5:51. 9, Vegas, Stone 6 (Stastny, Theodore), 13:57.

##### SHOTS ON GOAL







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**TRUSTEES' SALE  
OF REAL PROPERTY**

**11701 Locust Dale Court  
Bowie, MD 20721**  
**ACCOUNT ID NO. 07-0711135**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Purchase Money Deed of Trust and Security Agreement ("Deed of Trust") from 11701 Locust Dale Ct. LLC, as grantor, to Brian P. Donegan and William F. Leahy, as trustees, for the benefit of Santorini Capital, LLC, as beneficiary, dated June 20, 2016 and recorded on August 4, 2016 in Book 38435 at Page 393 among the Land Records of **Prince George's County**, Maryland, with an original principal balance of \$384,130.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustees dated March 20, 2018 and recorded on May 16, 2018 in Book 40878 at Page 296 among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland appointing Russell S. Drazin and Jason A. Pardo (collectively, "Trustee") as substitute trustees under the Deed of Trust, Trustee will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, located at 14735 Main Street, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772, on

**MAY 1, 2019 AT 11:10 AM**

ALL THAT FEE-SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON situated in Prince George's County, Maryland, commonly known as 11701 Locust Dale Court, Bowie, MD 20721, and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust, as well as ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY encumbered by the Deed of Trust (collectively, "Property").

The Property will be sold in an "AS IS" condition and subject to recorded covenants, conditions, restrictions, agreements, and senior liens, if any, and with no warranty of any kind (except as required by the Deed of Trust).

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$15,000.00 by cashier's check will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance of the purchase price to be paid in cash or certified funds within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Interest to be paid on the unpaid purchase money at the rate of 25% per annum as set forth in the debt instrument secured by the Deed of Trust from the date of sale to the date of settlement. Secured Party, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit or to pay interest.

Purchaser shall settle within ten (10) days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. **TIME SHALL BE OF THE ESSENCE WITH RESPECT TO SETTLEMENT BY PURCHASER.** Cost of all documentary stamps (recording taxes), transfer taxes and settlement expenses shall be borne by purchaser. Taxes, ground rent, water, and sewer, if applicable, are to be adjusted for the current year to the date of sale and assumed thereafter by purchaser.

In the event purchaser does not settle as required for any reason, purchaser shall be in default. Upon such default, Trustee may file a motion to resell the Property at the risk and expense of defaulting purchaser. Purchaser hereby consents to entry of such resale Order without further notice. Defaulting purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds or profits resulting from any resale of the Property, and the deposit shall be forfeited to the Trustee and all of the expenses of this sale (including attorneys' fees and full commission on the gross sale price) shall be charged against and paid out of the forfeited deposit. Purchaser shall pay all attorneys' fees and costs, and all other damages of any kind or nature, incurred by Trustee and the secured party, and their respective agents, employees, successors and assigns, in connection with any such default.

In the event Trustee is unable to convey title, purchaser's sole remedy at law and in equity shall be limited to a refund of the deposit and the sale shall be considered null and void and of no effect.

Purchaser shall be responsible for obtaining physical possession of the Property. Purchaser assumes the risk of loss or damage to the Property from the date of sale forward.

Trustee reserves the right, in his sole discretion, to reject any and all bids, to withdraw the Property from sale at any time before or at the auction, to extend the time to receive bids, to waive or modify the deposit requirement, to waive or modify the requirement that interest be paid on the unpaid purchase money, and/or to extend the period of time for settlement.

Additional terms may be announced at the sale. Purchaser will be required to execute and deliver to Trustee a contract of the sale at the conclusion of the bidding.

Neither the Trustee nor the secured party, nor their respective agents, employees, successors, and assigns, make any representations or warranties, express or implied, with respect to the Property, or any tenancies or parties in possession, including, without limitation, the value, description, use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, habitability, subdivision, zoning, environmental condition, compliance with building codes or other laws, ordinances, or regulations, fitness for a particular purpose or merchantability of all or any part of the Property.

The information contained herein was obtained from sources deemed reliable (including public records) and believed to be accurate, but is offered for informational purposes only. Said information includes, without limitation, the street addresses referenced herein, which may vary from information available from certain other public sources. No express or implied representations or warranties are, or may be, inferred with respect to the accuracy of such information. Interested bidders are urged to conduct such independent due diligence as they may deem appropriate.

Russell S. Drazin and Jason A. Pardo,  
Substitute Trustees



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**

**4710 68th Place  
HYATTSVILLE, MD 20784**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to MILLENNIUM TITLE & ABSTRACT COMPANY, INC., Trustee(s), dated January 8, 2014, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 35618, folio 533, RE-RECORDED ON SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 IN LIBER 36283 AND FOLIO 463, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

**APRIL 25, 2019 at 10:00 AM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

**LOT 50, IN BLOCK "E", IN A SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT NO. 2, SECTION ONE, DEFENSE HEIGHTS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK BB 10 AT PLAT 45.**

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$20,000.00 PAYABLE ONLY by certified funds, shall be required at the time of sale. CASH WILL NOT BE AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF DEPOSIT. The balance of the purchase price with interest at 4.75% per annum from the date of sale to the date of payment will be paid within TEN DAYS after the final ratification of the sale. Adjustments on all taxes, public charges and special or regular assessments will be made as of the date of sale and thereafter assumed by purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments that may become due after the time of sale will be the responsibility of the purchaser. Title examination, conveyancing, state revenue stamps, transfer taxes, title insurance, and all other costs incident to settlement are to be paid by the purchaser. Time is of the essence for the purchaser, otherwise the deposit will be forfeited and the property may be resold at risk and costs of the defaulting purchaser. The purchaser agrees to accept service by first class mail and certified mail addressed to the address provided by said Purchaser as identified on the Memorandum of Sale for any Motion or Show Cause Order incident to this sale including a Motion to Default Purchaser and for Resale of the Property. If the sale is not ratified or if the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey marketable title in accord with these terms of sale, the purchaser's only remedy is return of the deposit.

Trustee's File No. (32367)

JOHN E. DRISCOLL III, et al  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**

**4750 ROLLINGDALE WAY  
Capitol Heights, MD 20743**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to SIGNATURE TITLE & SETTLEMENT COMPANY, Trustee(s), dated February 6, 2015, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 36744, folio 353, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

**APRIL 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

**ALL THAT LOT OF GROUND SITUATE IN THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE'S, STATE OF MARYLAND AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, THAT IS TO SAY: LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-TWO (32) IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT ONE, CORAL HILLS TOWNHOMES", AS RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK VJ 163 AT PLAT 67.**

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$19,000.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 4.25% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (18-17496)

Thomas W. Hodge, Robert M. Oliveri, Christine Johnson,  
Melissa Alcocer, Jeana McMurray, Brennan Ferguson,  
Substitute Trustees



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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**

**KNOWN AS  
6223 Gothic Lane  
Bowie, MD 20720**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to WILLIAM A. MARKWAT, Trustee(s), dated December 30, 2004, and recorded among the Land Records of **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 21651, folio 076, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 14735 MAIN ST, UPPER MARLBORO, MD 20772 ON,

**APRIL 25, 2019 at 11:30 AM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

**BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT NUMBERED THIRTY-SIX (36) IN BLOCK LETTERED "A" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT TWO, HIGHBRIDGE", AS PER PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, IN PLAT MLP 142 AT PLAT 99, BEING IN THE 14TH ELECTION DISTRICT.**

Said property is subject to a 120 day IRS Right of Redemption.

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$29,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 3.875% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (15-15560)

Keith M. Yacko, Robert E. Frazier, Thomas J. Gartner,  
Jason L. Hamlin, Gene Jung, Glen H. Tschirgi  
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE FEE SIMPLE PROPERTY**

**KNOWN AS  
22 HELEN COURT  
Indian Head, MD 20640**

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust to LAWYERS TITLE REALTY SRVC INC, Trustee(s), dated September 14, 2006, and recorded among the Land Records of **CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND** in Liber 06005, folio 0138, the holder of the indebtedness secured by this Deed of Trust having appointed the undersigned Substitute Trustees, by instrument duly recorded among the aforesaid Land Records, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and at the request of the party secured thereby, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at public auction at THE CHARLES COUNTY COURTHOUSE LOCATED AT 200 CHARLES STREET ( IN THE BREEZEWAY BETWEEN CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT COURTS ), LA PLATA, MD 20646 ON,

**APRIL 25, 2019 at 4:00 PM**

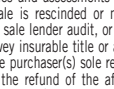
ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND and improvements thereon situated in CHARLES COUNTY, MD and described as follows:

**LOT NUMBERED TWENTY-TWO (22), IN BLOCK LETTERED "M" IN THE SUBDIVISION KNOWN AS "PLAT ONE, MATTAWOMAN WOODS", AS PER PLAT THEREOF DULY RECORDED AMONG THE LAND RECORDS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND IN PLAT BOOK PCM 32, PLAT NO. 221. THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS 22 HELEN COURT, INDIAN HEAD, MARYLAND 20640.**

The property will be sold in an "AS IS WHERE IS" condition without either express or implied warranty or representation, including but not limited to the description, fitness for a particular purpose or use, structural integrity, physical condition, construction, extent of construction, workmanship, materials, liability, zoning, subdivision, environmental condition, merchantability, compliance with building or housing codes or other laws, ordinances or regulations, or other similar matters, and subject to easements, agreements and restrictions of record which affect the same, if any. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, liens, restrictions and agreements of record affecting same including any condominium and of HOA assessments pursuant to Md Real Property Article 11-110.

**TERMS OF SALE:** A deposit of \$15,500.00 payable in certified check or by a cashier's check will be required from purchaser at time of sale, balance in immediately available funds upon final ratification of sale by the Circuit Court of CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND interest to be paid at the rate of 7.5% on unpaid purchase money from date of sale to date of settlement. The secured party herein, if a bidder, shall not be required to post a deposit. Third party purchaser (excluding the secured party) will be required to complete full settlement of the purchase of the property within TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS of the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court otherwise the purchaser's deposit shall be forfeited and the property will be resold at the risk and expense, of the defaulting purchaser. All other public charges and private charges or assessments, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, taxes if any, to be adjusted to date of sale. Cost of all documentary stamps and transfer taxes and all other costs incident to the settlement shall be borne by the purchaser. If applicable, condominium and/or homeowner association dues and assessments will be adjusted to date of sale. If the sale is rescinded or not ratified for any reason, including post sale lender audit, or the Substitute Trustees are unable to convey insurable title or a resale is to take place for any reason, the purchaser(s) sole remedy in law or equity shall be limited to the refund of the aforementioned deposit. The purchaser waives all rights and claims against the Substitute Trustees whether known or unknown. These provisions shall survive settlement Upon refund of the deposit, this sale shall be void and of no effect, and the purchaser shall have no further claim against the Substitute Trustees. The sale is subject to post-sale review of the status of the loan and that if any agreement to cancel the sale was entered into by the lender and borrower prior to the sale then the sale is void and the purchaser's deposit shall be refunded without interest. Additional terms and conditions, if applicable, maybe announced at the time and date of sale. File No. (18-00490)

Thomas W. Hodge, Robert M. Oliveri, Christine Johnson,  
Melissa Alcocer, Jeana McMurray, Brennan Ferguson,  
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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON**

**6354 N. CLARIDGE DR.  
FREDERICK, MD 21701**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated January 20, 2007 and recorded in Liber 6547, Folio 77 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$477,600.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701, on

**MAY 3, 2019 AT 10:54 AM**

ALL THAT FEE SIMPLE LOT OF GROUND, together with any buildings or improvements thereon situated in Frederick County, MD and more fully described in the aforesaid Deed of Trust.

The property, and any improvements thereon, will be sold in an "as is" condition and subject to conditions, restrictions and agreements of record affecting the same, if any, and with no warranty of any kind.

**Terms of Sale:** A deposit of \$44,000 in the form of certified check, cashier's check or money order will be required of the purchaser at time and place of sale. Balance of the purchase price, together with interest on the unpaid purchase money at the current rate contained in the Deed of Trust Note from the date of sale to the date funds are received by the Sub. Trustees, payable in cash within ten days of final ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court. There will be no abatement of interest due from the purchaser in the event additional funds are tendered before settlement. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE FOR THE PURCHASER.** Adjustment of current year's real property taxes are adjusted as of the date of sale, and thereafter assumed by the purchaser. Taxes due for prior years including costs of any tax sale are payable by the purchaser. Purchaser is responsible for any recapture of homestead tax credit. All other public and/or private charges or assessments, to the extent such amounts survive foreclosure sale, including water/sewer charges, ground rent, whether incurred prior to or after the sale to be paid by the purchaser. Any deferred water and sewer charges that purports to cover or defray cost during construction of public water or wastewater facilities constructed by the developer and subject to an annual fee or assessment are to be paid by the purchaser to the lender and are a contractual obligation between the lender and each owner of this property, and is not a fee or assessment imposed by the county. Any right of prepayment or discount for early prepayment of water and sewer charges may be ascertained by contacting the lender. All costs of deed recordation including but not limited to all transfer, recordation, agricultural or other taxes or charges assessed by any governmental entity as a condition to recordation, are payable by purchaser, whether or not purchaser is a Maryland First Time Home Buyer. Purchaser is responsible for obtaining physical possession of the property, and assumes risk of loss or damage to the property from the date of sale. The sale is subject to post-sale audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including, but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower entered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the loan prior to the sale. In any such event, this sale shall be null and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity, shall be the return of the deposit without interest. If purchaser fails to settle within ten days of ratification, subject to order of court, purchaser agrees that property will be resold and entire deposit retained by Sub. Trustees as liquidated damages for all losses occasioned by the purchaser's default and purchaser shall have no further liability. The defaulted purchaser shall not be entitled to any surplus proceeds resulting from said resale even such surplus results from improvements to the property by said defaulted purchaser. Sub. Trustees will convey either marketable or insurable title if they cannot deliver one or the other, or if ratification of the sale is denied by the Circuit Court for any reason, the Purchaser's sole remedy, at law or equity, is return of the deposit without interest. (Matter No. 19-0295-1)

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**SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES' SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND ANY IMPROVEMENTS THEREON**

**4 STULL DR.  
THURMONT, MD 21788**

Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust dated March 15, 2013 and recorded in Liber 9530, Folio 50 among the Land Records of Frederick County, MD, with an original principal balance of \$261,518.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, the Sub. Trustees will sell at public auction at the Circuit Court for Frederick County, at the Court House Door, 100 W. Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701, on

**MAY 3, 2019 AT 10:52 AM**

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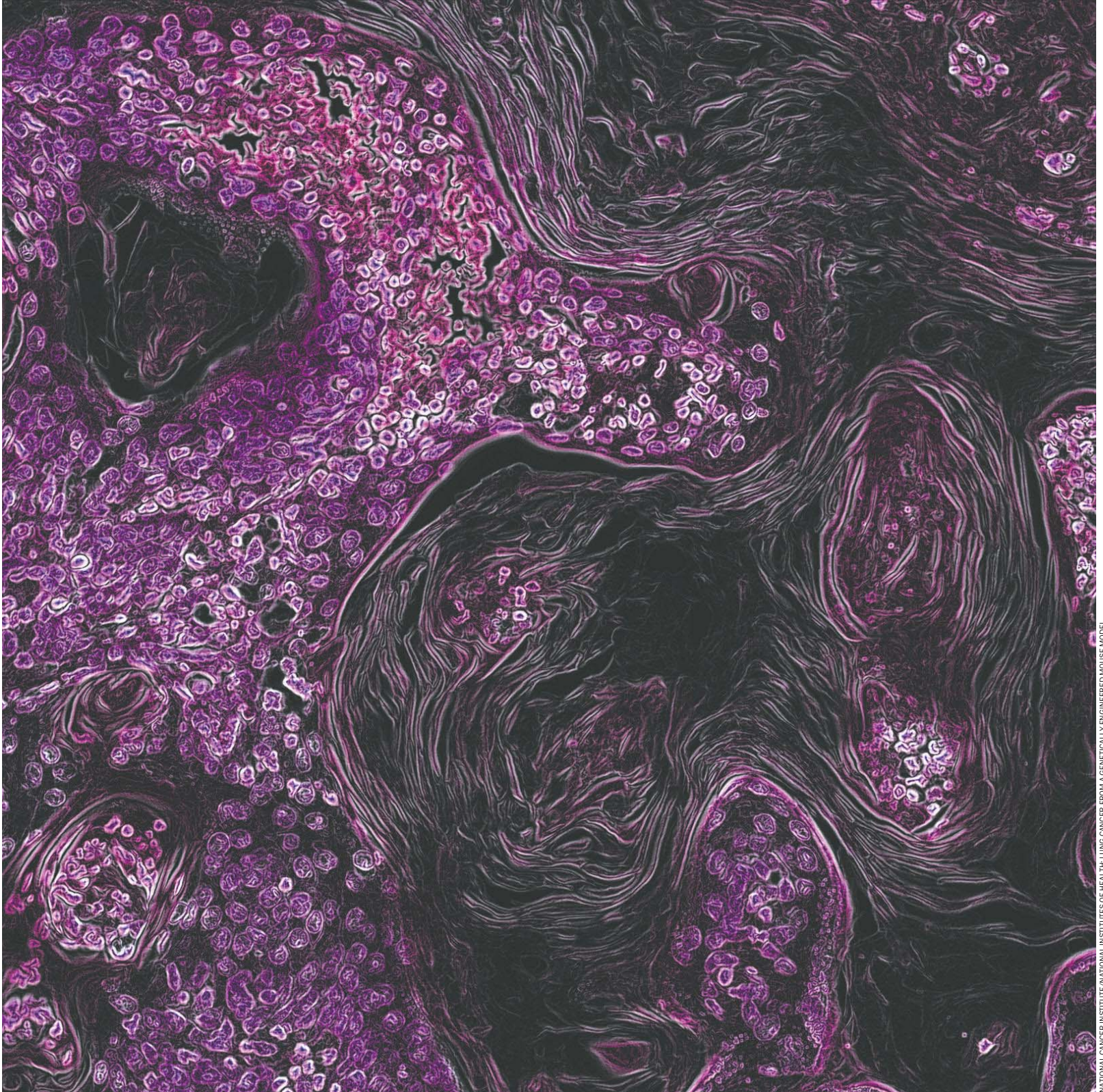
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CANCER ISSUE

The disease’s disturbing links with obesity

BY LAURIE MCGINLEY

Smoking has been the No. 1 preventable cause of cancer for decades and still kills more than 500,000 people a year in the United States. But obesity is poised to take the top spot, as Americans’ waistlines continue to expand while tobacco use plummets.

The switch could occur in five or 10 years, said Otis Brawley, a Johns Hopkins oncologist and former chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society. The rise in obesity rates could threaten the steady decline in cancer death rates since the early 1990s, he said.

Yet only about half of Americans are aware of the link between excess weight and cancer. And researchers are struggling to answer such fundamental questions as how surplus weight increases the risk of the disease and whether, conversely, losing weight helps prevent cancer or a recurrence.

Being obese and overweight — long implicated in heart disease and diabetes — has been associated in recent years with an increased risk of getting at least 13 types of cancer, including stomach, **SEE OBESITY ON E5**

Unraveling why some get many types of tumors

BY MARLENE CIMONS

Noelle Johnson, 42, was diagnosed with her first cancer — a soft tissue sarcoma under her right arm — in 1999 when she was 21. In 2013, her physicians found six different cancers in her breasts. In the years that followed, surgeons discovered and removed numerous masses they deemed “pre-malignant” from her ovary, her uterus, her leg, arm and chest wall, aiming to get them out before they turned cancerous.

Each tumor was distinct, that is, none resulted from the spread of any of the others. For Johnson, having multiple primary tumors diagnosed at an unusually young age was both scary and baffling. “It **SEE MULTIPLE CANCERS ON E6**

Should an older woman also take the HPV vaccine?

BY DAPHNE MILLER

“Is Gardasil 9 right for me?” my patient asked during a recent office visit.

She is 45, recently divorced from her husband of 20 years and crafting her online dating profile. She’s also wondering whether she is a candidate for the vaccine that protects against nine strains of the human papilloma virus (HPV) — a virus that causes most cervical, oral and anal cancer.

Ten years ago, L — I’m referring to her by her first initial to protect her privacy — brought her then preteen daughter to a pediatrician to get her immunized against HPV. **SEE HPV ON E4**

Here’s why I volunteer at a cancer center

BY STEVEN PETROW

Families come in all varieties. Some we’re born into; others we get to choose; still others are accidental. Thirty-five years ago, I unwittingly (and unwillingly) joined the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center family when I became a patient there.

On that evening, when I was alone and afraid hours before surgery for metastatic testicular cancer, a young man entered my room in that famous New York hospital wearing a pale blue coat. Alan explained that he was a hospital volunteer, a member of what was then called the “patient-to-patient” program; it took me 30 minutes to realize that meant he was a testicular cancer survivor who had been matched to me.

That night Alan left me a gift: hope for life after cancer. For years after I’d phone him with my many worries about recurrence, side effects and life in general. Alan turned out to be the older brother I never had.

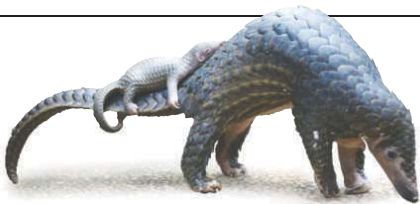
All hospitals, but especially cancer centers, rely on a volunteer corps to help with hospital and patient life. More than **SEE VOLUNTEERS ON E4**

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# Smuggling rings imperil anteaters

Endangered, scaly pangolins will die out if vast trafficking network isn't stopped, activists warn

BY REIS THEBAULT

The scales arrived in bulging, stained bags. Hundreds of them.

They sailed into a Singapore inspection port by shipping container, the vessel marked “frozen beef” and bound for Vietnam. Inside, customs officials found the sacks, packed and piled from floor to ceiling. They overflowed with the product of a wildlife smuggling operation so vast, yet so niche, it had conservationists worried about the extinction of an animal that most people haven't even heard of yet.

The scales — 14 tons of them — belonged to about 36,000 poached pangolins. It is the largest-ever seizure of its kind, another grim superlative for the scaly anteater, which is believed to be the most-trafficked mammal in the world.

“We're hearing the last death knell of pangolins,” said Crawford Allan, the senior director of TRAFFIC, a World Wildlife Fund partner that monitors illegal wildlife trade. “This is our last chance to save them. They cannot sustain this level of poaching and trafficking.”

The diverted haul, which originated in Nigeria, would have been worth almost \$39 million, officials said in a recent statement.

The case of the pangolin, native to parts of Africa and Asia, illustrates the difficulty of cracking down on the illicit global trade of exotic wildlife. The conservation cause suffers from a lack of public awareness; yet, the more people know about pangolins, the more popular they become. And when animals become popular, business booms for poachers and smugglers.

In the past decade, a sophisti-

cated criminal network has developed methods of marketing trafficked animals to consumers around the world, Allan said, convincing wealthy people that elephant tusks and rhinoceros horns are the latest status symbol or medicinal panacea.

But pangolins, he said, are even more vulnerable than their forebears. In China and Vietnam, where most buyers live, several segments of the black market consider them desirable.

Restaurants buy pangolin meat, which is considered a delicacy, an off-menu item that a well-heeled customer might order when trying to impress. Those seeking the new cure-all buy the scales, which are used in traditional medicine to treat everything from rheumatism to cancer, even though there is no known science that supports their remedial properties. And the fashion industry has shown interest in the skin, its diamond pattern making for an attractive leather design. It's scale-to-tail consumption.

“The poor pangolins have a giant target on their backs,” said Paul Thomson, the vice chair of the Pangolin Specialist Group and the co-founder of Save Pangolins. “To me, it's a crisis.”

The International Union for Conservation of Nature considers all eight pangolin species to be threatened with extinction. Two of those species are critically endangered. A pangolin disappearance would have reverberations throughout their habitats, Thomson said.

“They're so evolutionary distinct that losing pangolins would mean we lose a key part of our biodiversity,” he said.

They resemble real-life Pokémon, covered in scales that re-



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**TOP CLOCKWISE: Rescued from poachers, a pangolin recovers from anesthesia after undergoing a sonogram to check for pregnancy at the Johannesburg Wildlife Veterinary Hospital. One of over 100 pangolins and 992 pounds of scales seized by Thailand customs in 2017. Some of the tons of pangolin scales seized in Singapore.**



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semble artichoke leaves. They have a penchant for burrowing, tunneling underground in search of the ants and termites on which they survive. When in danger, they curl into a ball, an evolutionary trait that has made them even more susceptible to poaching, because a person can simply pick them up off the ground. They can weigh as little as 3½ pounds and as much as 75. They're nocturnal,

solitary and difficult for scientists to study. And experts don't even know how many remain.

“When I see 36,000 vacuumed out of West and Central Africa, I really wonder: How many can there be left?” Thomson said.

The nascent community of pangolin conservationists is in the process of answering that question, trying to conduct a transcontinental survey to deter-

mine how many are still in the wild.

Meanwhile, however, high-profile seizures like the one in Singapore — and two others in Malaysia and Hong Kong in February — should serve as a wake-up call for international regulatory agencies, Allan said. Next month's Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species could provide a key opportunity for countries to coordinate a global response, he said. It was at CITES 2016 that pangolin trading was first formally banned.

Since then, international law enforcement has done a better job spotting smuggled pangolins or pangolin scales, Allan said, but agents rarely catch traffickers in the act. More often they end up with a shipping container full of contraband and no suspects.

Authorities may have more success working with social media sites and online marketplaces — Facebook, Instagram and Alibaba among them — to tamp down on online sales, Allan said. And advocates, Thomson added, can do their part by educating the public. A recent shout-out from Hillary Clinton and John Kasich probably won't hurt, either.

“You can't save a species,” Thomson said, “if nobody knows they exist.”

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# Finding mother's milk for orphaned elephants

BY TONY PERRY

SAN DIEGO — On a chilly, breezy morning at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park, an African elephant named Umngani was ready to nurse her hungry calf, Mkhaya.

But first her keepers needed Umngani to cooperate in a research project meant to unlock the secrets of a life-giving substance: mother's milk. At stake was not just Mkhaya's eager tummy but also the health and survival of orphan calves in elephant sanctuaries in Africa and zoos around the world.

Umngani's trainers used hand signals, sweet words, and a bucket of sliced lettuce, cucumbers, carrots and yams to coax the 7,330-pound animal to the edge of a small holding area. Umngani, age 30, knew the drill.

“Lean in,” keeper Mistley Bennett told her softly. Umngani extended one giant front foot toward the iron bars that always separate keepers from the park's 14 elephants.

Mindy Albright, the lead elephant keeper, reached through and gently began “expressing” one of Umngani's nipples. Milk squirted into a small, sterile cup. A third keeper comforted 6-month-old Mkhaya, who waited nearby, impatient to nurse.

It's well known that milk helps newborn mammals survive and prosper. But just why that is true remains a puzzle for scientists, even those who specialize in milk, lactation and infant growth. So when Umngani and her sister Ndulamitsi gave birth last year and began nursing their calves, the zoo decided it was time to launch a milk project.

The goal is to find the right ingredients for an improved milk replacement for orphaned elephant calves — some of whose mothers are among the 20,000 or so African elephants killed by poachers each year — or calves whose mothers cannot or will not provide milk. Substitutes are already in use, but the researchers hope to help develop products that can be tailored to calves' age, development and gender. Baby elephants drink milk for the first three years of their lives.

A better understanding of milk's nutritional composition “is integral to increasing survival of young calves in these [perilous] situations,” said Katie Kerr, nutritionist for San Diego Zoo Global.

The milk will be analyzed by zoo staff and milk researchers at the University of California at San Diego and the Smithsonian's National Zoo milk repository. The project is being watched closely by



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**Elephant calves at the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in Kenya drink a milk replacement. The San Diego project is aimed at creating a closer approximation of an elephant mother's milk.**

staff at the Reteti Elephant Sanctuary in northern Kenya, where 15 calves are struggling to grow healthy enough to return to the wild.

Researchers do not expect their task to be quick or easy — some say it may take two years. Among other variables, a mother's milk changes as her baby grows, and researchers need to understand that process.

“Not a lot is known about human milk and even less about other species,” said Lars Bode, associate professor of pediatrics at UCSD and past president of the International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation. He said he became interested in Umngani and Ndulamitsi when he and his staff were on an outing to the Safari Park.

Two or three times a week, Albright expresses milk from the two mother elephants. The goal is to get five milliliters per week from each elephant, or just over a teaspoon.

The first few drops of milk are watery and almost clear. Then the milk begins to have a higher fat content. The process is meant to be gentle but quick — a minute or two.

Albright pulled gently with gloved hands. “We're still trying to perfect our technique, but each cow is different,” she said. “It's really exciting stuff.”

Umngani is placid and takes to the procedure easily. Ndulamitsi is more tentative and is suspicious of anyone other than her keepers. The milking is done in an area off-limits to the public.

The samples are stored at freezing temperatures at the park laboratory. When the zoo has six months' worth, researchers will begin examining it for proteins, fat,

amino acids and other nutrients.

Michael Power, animal scientist at the Smithsonian repository, is enthusiastic about the project but also cautious about what it will yield.

“We're getting an exploding amount of knowledge about the proteins, sugars, all the different things we now see in milk” of various species, he said. “But that is far outstripping our ability to understand their functions.”

The repository — with 15,000 samples from more than 200 species — has studied elephant milk in the past. It has about 120 Asian elephant milk samples and 50 samples from African elephants. Most of the African samples were from cows whose calves were already a year old, making it difficult to determine whether younger calves might need a different formula.

But with new research techniques and the promise of multiple longitudinal samples from two cows, the San Diego project is bright with possibilities, Power said.

“This milk will be looked at completely,” Power said.

Power said he hopes to learn more about the nutrient composition of African elephant milk, how it changes over time and how milk differs among elephant cows.

When a zoo newborn cannot be nourished by its mother's milk, keepers scramble to find a substitute. This happened with the 2017 arrival of a premature baby hippo at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, which then sent hippo milk to the National Zoo for analysis.

Finding the right replacement, along with other treatments, “was trial and effort for several months,” said Barbara Henry, the Cincinnati Zoo nutritionist. In the

end, Fiona the hippo survived and went on to become a superstar.

At African sanctuaries, the plight of motherless elephant calves can be dire.

The Reteti sanctuary, in collaboration with San Diego Zoo Global, offers a haven for elephants injured by the ravages of drought and disease or by the poaching of hunters seeking to cull their tusks. Some calves at the facility have lost their mothers, and some have mothers who are not able to nurse.

Stephen Chege, a veterinarian at Reteti, is now a postdoctoral fellow with the San Diego Zoo. He has seen the results when Reteti keepers try to find a milk substitute.

“Sometimes we get it wrong, and we get cases of diarrhea,” Chege said. Constipation can also occur, Power said. Either can be debilitating.

Grober Nutrition, a New York-based company that sells milk replacements for wild animals, has formulas for Asian and African elephants. The Asian formulation is rooted in a 2012 study led by the Smithsonian, and the African one grew out of two more-limited studies by researchers in South Africa, said Merritt Drewery, Grober's nutrition, quality and research supervisor.

“I feel much more confident about our Asian formulation than our African formulation,” said Drewery, adding that she looks forward to the San Diego project's results. “There is a [knowledge] gap to be filled.”

At the safari park, keepers say Umngani and Ndulamitsi's participation in the research has been helped by two factors: their intelligence and their large mammarys, each one about the size of a honeydew melon.

(As a side goal, the researchers would like to develop a breast pump for elephants. In university labs, researchers even have breast pumps for mice.)

Some weeks it can take two or three sessions to get the five milliliters. But this winter morning went well. Umngani chewed her treats and seemed to relax as Albright squeezed and pulled. Mkhaya, meanwhile, grew restless.

“Like human babies, elephant babies have a short attention span,” Albright said.

When the milking was over, Umngani turned to her primary job: feeding Mkhaya.

Albright, satisfied, praised the mother. “Good girl,” she said.

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### INNOVATION

**‘Breakthrough’: The pioneers who helped create so many techy things we take for granted today**

We take them for granted, but innovations such as the automobile, the rocket and the telescope were once unthinkable. Once they emerged, often the products of centuries of progress, they changed the world forever.

“Breakthrough: The Ideas That Changed the World,” a six-part PBS series that debuts Wednesday, demonstrates that their stories are worth reliving.

The TV show follows pioneers whose work led to some of the most revolutionary technology in history.

Their names won't always be familiar. Next to icons such as Henry Ford and Alexander Graham Bell are figures such as Henrietta Swan Leavitt, an American astronomer whose discoveries laid the foundation for innovations such as the Hubble Space Telescope, and Karl and Bertha Benz, automotive trailblazers who awoke the world to the potential of cars.

Each show dives deep into the background behind a key innovation — the telescope, airplane, robot, car, rocket and smart-

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phone — backgrounds that go much further back than you might expect. (What does a cave in ancient China have to do with rockets? Tune in to find out.)

Science-focused and undeniably enthusiastic, the series may make you appreciate even more the tech around you. The twists and turns it took to make each invention are a reminder that it takes collaboration, patience and creative thinking to push humanity forward.

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— Erin Blakemore



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THE BIG NUMBER

145.6 million ER patients

month — show that most people head to an ER because of an illness rather than an injury. Stomach or abdominal pain tops the list of reasons (affecting 12.5 million patients), followed by chest pain (7.6 million) and fever (5.5 million). Among injuries treated in ERs, the most common result from a fall (10.5 million) or a motor vehicle crash (3.7 million). Although the number of ER patients is growing — in 2016, up 8.7 million from the year before — fewer people seem to be turning to ERs for routine care. The number of people seeking treatment for what ER doctors determine to be non-urgent symptoms has actually dropped, from 5.5 percent to 4.3 percent of all ER patients. But, as the American College of Emergency Physicians noted in its review of the data, “nearly two-thirds of [ER] visits occur after business hours, when other doctors’ offices are closed.” The picture painted by CDC data also shows that, once people get to an ER, 39 percent are being seen in 15 minutes or less, and 72 percent in less than an hour. Although people of all ages seek care at ERs, about 19 percent of patients in 2016 (27.4 million) were 15 or younger and 16 percent (23.1 million) were 65 or older. The CDC data, culled from the agency’s 2016 National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey, included information from only ERs that are part of a hospital and did not include information from free-standing emergency departments or urgent-care centers.

— Linda Searing



**Boston Marathon race director Dave McGillivray at a Boston hospital last year. He had open-heart, triple-bypass surgery after suffering chest pain and shortness of breath while running.**

Before you run that marathon or tackle that triathlon, doctors suggest a good checkup

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE

It was the death heard ‘round the running world. In July 1984, acclaimed author and running guru Jim Fixx died of a heart attack while trotting along a country road in Vermont. Overnight, a nascent global movement of asphalt athletes got a gut check: Just because you run marathons doesn’t mean you’re safe from heart problems.

Fast-forward 35 years, and Boston Marathon race director Dave McGillivray is amplifying that message for marathoners, especially those who have coronary artery disease or a family history of it.

“Being fit and being healthy aren’t the same things,” McGillivray says. He should know. Six months ago, the lifelong competitor underwent open-heart, triple-bypass surgery after suffering chest pain and shortness of breath while running.

As marathons, ultramarathons, megamile trail races and swim-bike-run triathlons continue to explode in popularity, doctors are represcribing some long-standing advice: Get a checkup first and talk with your primary care physician or cardiologist about the risks and benefits before hitting the road.

For McGillivray, 64, the writing was on his artery walls. Both of his grandfathers died of heart attacks; his father had multiple bypasses; his siblings have had heart surgery; and a brother recently suffered a stroke. Neither McGillivray’s marathon personal best of 2 hours, 29 minutes, 58 seconds, nor his decades of involvement in the sport could protect him.

“I honestly thought that through exercise, cholesterol-lowering medicine, good sleep and the right diet, I’d be fine,” he says. “But you can’t run away from your genetics.”

Aerobic exercise such as running, brisk walking, cycling and swimming is known to reduce the risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, stroke and certain types of cancer, and it has been a key way to fight obesity, Type 2 diabetes, osteoporosis and more. Studies have shown those who exercise regularly are more likely to survive a heart attack and recover more quickly than couch potatoes.

But new research is providing a more nuanced look at “extreme exercise” and the pros and cons of running long.

In a study published in December in *Circulation*, the journal of the American Heart Association, researchers found signs suggesting that full marathons like Boston may strain the heart. They measured substances that can signal stress and found higher

Across the country, hospital emergency rooms are seeing a record number of patients — 145.6 million a year, according to the National Center for Health Statistics, part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The data — gathered in 2016 and released this

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Like to stay fit? Watch your heart rate.

If you have a fitness tracker or smartwatch, you might have noticed that your device provides you with a regular report on your heart rate. Or perhaps you regularly use a treadmill or an elliptical equipped with a chest strap or a built-in heart rate monitor and you’ve wondered whether you should use one of those devices. Heart rate is one of the best tools we have to gauge how hard you are working, says Phil Clifford, associate dean for research in the College of Applied Health Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Heart rate can help you assess whether you’re meeting your own personal goals or federal fitness guidelines, which say most Americans should aim for a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise each week. Hitting those guidelines will improve your overall health and heart health, lower your risk for chronic diseases such as diabetes and for various forms of cancer, improve your cognitive function, boost your mood, improve sleep and more. Measuring heart rate can help you learn whether your workout is moderate, vigorous or not quite either — so you can adjust accordingly.

What a heart rate tells you

Heart rate measures how many times per minute your heart beats. When resting, a person’s heart usually beats 60 to 100 times per minute, according to the American Heart Association. In general, fitter people have lower resting heart rates — trained athletes’ hearts might drop to as low as 40 beats per minute (bpm) because they are functioning more efficiently.

As your muscles start pumping when pushing through an aerobic activity, such as running, biking or swimming, they need more oxygen. That’s why you breathe harder and your heart starts pounding. Each beat pumps oxygen-filled blood through your body, which is why tracking your heart rate can tell you how hard you’re working.

“Heart rate is a stand-in for what scientifically is measured as the volume of oxygen you’re consuming,” says Peter Anzalone, senior test project leader for fitness equipment at Consumer Reports.

If you are going all out, the measurement of how much oxygen you’re capable of consuming is known as your VO2 max, which researchers consider the best measure of fitness capacity, Clifford says.

Should you track it?

If you are sedentary and just beginning to exercise, you don’t need to track heart rate, Clifford says. Instead, start by just trying to move more. “There’s a health risk to just sitting, and it can be counteracted by just getting up and moving,” Clifford says.

Once you’re comfortable with some exercise, you can start striving toward hitting fitness targets

for moderate intensity exercise. In that case, measuring your heart rate could help you understand how those workouts should feel.

More serious athletes, like anyone training for a 10k or half-marathon, will get even more benefit from tracking heart rate regularly because subjective measures like your perceived exertion can vary daily.

You can also estimate levels of exertion without tracking your heart, says Cris Slentz, an assistant professor in the departments of medicine and cardiology at the Duke Molecular Physiology Institute in Durham, N.C. During moderate exercise, your breath should speed up a bit, and you’ll begin to sweat after about 10 minutes, according to the Mayo Clinic. You should be able to talk, although not sing. During vigorous exercise, it’s hard to say more than a few words.

How to track your heart rate

If you are going to track your heart rate, you’ll need to use a monitor.

Chest strap monitors are probably best in most cases, Anzalone says. These are worn around your chest, directly against your skin, and detect your heart rate electronically.

Monitors worn around the wrist that detect heart rate with an optical signal, including fitness trackers like Fitbits and smartwatches like the Apple Watch, can also be very accurate.

Monitors built into machines such as treadmills and ellipticals can work, but are not always as accurate, Anzalone says.

Measuring exercise intensity

You can use your heart rate to



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measure and change your exercise intensity, which will help you plan and understand your workouts better. There’s not a particular heart rate that corresponds to a particular intensity; instead, it’s different for each person.

To figure out which levels of exertion count as moderate or vigorous exercise for you, calculate what’s known as your heart rate reserve, according to the American College of Sports Medicine’s Guidelines for Exercise Testing and Prescription.

There are a few steps involved, so get your calculator or pencil ready.

• **Calculate your maximum heart rate.** Subtract your age from 220 for your estimated maximum heart rate. The number you get may vary by up to 20 bpm from your actual maximum heart rate, but this is a standard way to estimate without doing a stress test. You may have a more exact number if you’ve done a maximum exercise stress test or if you are an athlete who has measured your heart rate after an all-out level of exertion.

• **Measure your resting heart rate.** You can do this with your fitness tracker or by using a timer and counting how many times your heart beats in a minute. You can also count how many times it beats in 15 seconds and multiply that by four.

• **Calculate your heart rate reserve.** Subtract your resting heart rate from your max heart rate.

• **Find your ranges for moderate and vigorous exertion.** Your heart rate range for moderate intensity activity is 40 to 59 percent of your heart rate reserve added to your resting heart rate. Your heart rate range for vigorous

intensity activity is 60 to just under 90 percent of your heart rate reserve added to your resting heart rate.

Going above that vigorous level can be dangerous if you have underlying heart problems or multiple risk factors for cardiovascular disease, says Slentz, though it’s something that some people do during interval training or other all-out exercise. And if you have known risk factors or heart problems, you should also avoid exercise in the “vigorous” range unless you’ve consulted your physician.

For anyone, activity at levels of exertion reaching 90 percent of max heart rate or above is extremely difficult to sustain.

Once you have a sense of how vigorously you are exercising, you can map out your workouts to ensure that you are hitting the minimum exercise guidelines suggested by the government — or, better yet, surpassing them.

You can also push yourself to specific targets, give yourself goals based on actual (rather than perceived) exertion and use your heart rate to help plan interval workouts.

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Website offers a comprehensive clearinghouse about a sensitive topic: Menstrual health

Menstruation may be commonplace, but it presents extraordinary challenges to people living in lower-income countries. According to UNICEF, at least 500 million women and girls worldwide lack adequate facilities for managing menstruation. And comfortable, effective menstrual supplies aren’t available to everyone with a period.

People who care about menstrual health management want to change that. And the International Menstrual Health Entrepreneurship Roundup (IMHER) is tracking their efforts.

The new website, developed by Dartmouth College’s Global Girls Forward Lab, is an information hub created by a research team with no financial stake in menstrual health. The stakes of the issue, however, are high. Girls in low- and middle-income countries lack information about puberty and periods, and affordability, availability and disposal challenges mean that many people go without adequate hygiene during menstruation. It’s an issue in the United States, too, where “menstrual equity” is a growing policy issue.

The website gathers information on menstrual health education and products and innovations designed to address these challenges.

Highlights include a database of research studies related to



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Locally made and biodegradable sanitary pads known as Makapads in Kampala, Uganda.

Those debates are many. Some researchers argue that focusing on menstrual supplies turns the developing world into a dumping ground for American products. Others cannot agree on whether better menstrual health management will actually improve school performance or increase school attendance. IMHER doesn’t take a position on those debates. It does provide

a comprehensive clearinghouse for people interested in the issue — whether they hope to reduce menstruation taboos, come up with new solutions for menstrual equity, or just learn more about menstrual health around the world.

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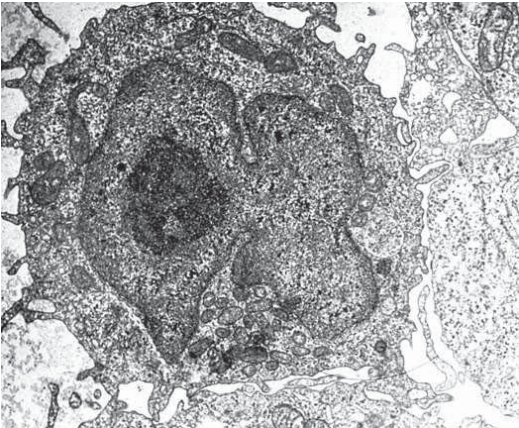


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# Gains and complications come with new therapies

BY RAVI PARIKH

When thinking about cancer therapy in recent years, Dorothy's famous line from "The Wizard of Oz" comes to my mind: "We're not in Kansas anymore."

Most fellows in oncology — including myself — begin their training by caring for patients with leukemia because they need a lot of monitoring. Patients with leukemia often are diagnosed with severe bleeds or infections and need treatment urgently.

For decades, treatment for acute leukemia had been largely the same: seven days of a constant drip of drugs through an IV, followed by weeks in the hospital to monitor for complications — kidney problems, infections and other life-threatening side effects.

I spent the first three months of my fellowship in mid-2017 treating patients with leukemia. It was intense, but in the end, I felt comfortable diagnosing leukemia and ordering the initial drugs that would save their lives.

I returned to treating leukemia patients after a four-month hiatus in early 2018. We were admitting a man who we had diagnosed with leukemia, and I was preparing our normal chemotherapy orders.

The pharmacist on our team tapped me on the shoulder and whispered, "Are you sure you want to order that?"

I was confused: Didn't we treat leukemia the same way we did four months ago?

Turns out that we do not, and she was right: In just four months, the Food and Drug Administration had approved at least two new drugs for acute leukemia, completely changing our treatment paradigm for the disease. Several more drugs would be approved for the disease throughout 2018. Now, instead of treating all leukemia patients the same way, we had different drug options depending on a patient's genetic and molecular abnormalities.

In short, things had become a lot more complicated.

This is a common story for oncologists and patients with cancer. The pace of change in cancer therapy has been staggering over the past five years. The increased availability of new treatment options — often with better chances of remission and fewer side effects — is good for patients. But for many of them and their physicians, it can be difficult to keep up with all the changes.

This wasn't necessarily a problem 20 years ago: In a 60-year period, between 1940 and 2000, the FDA approved 72 drugs to treat cancer. But that number more than doubled over the next decade. In 2018 alone, the FDA approved 19 cancer-related drugs.

It would be one thing if the drugs approved in the past 20 years had the same mechanisms and side effects. But we are moving out of an era of generalized cancer drugs and into the era of personalized oncology. New drugs target specific genes or molecules, and many immunotherapies work by stimulating the body's immune system to fight cancer.

When patients picture themselves getting treated for cancer, many visualize sitting with an IV running for hours, vomiting and losing all of their hair. In the modern era, that is luckily the exception rather than the rule.

Many cancers are treated with a pill, and the majority of patients I see are able to work or go on vacations even during treatment.

The availability of new treatments has upended treatment pathways for common cancers such as melanoma, lung cancer and kidney cancer. And survival rates — even in stage IV cancer — are going up.

**A microscopic view of hairy cell leukemia, a rare and slow-growing cancer of the blood in which the bone marrow makes too many lymphocytes.**

But there is a consequence of this renaissance in cancer therapy: Sometimes, we know relatively little about the side effects of the newer therapies we are giving to patients.

I recently met a patient with stage IV melanoma who was being treated with two of the immunotherapies approved for the disease. She had been on the drug for months, and her cancer had shrunk dramatically.

She was a success story.

A few days ago, however, she became extremely fatigued and developed a new headache. An MRI showed that her pituitary gland — a small gland in the brain that secretes hormones — was extremely large because her own immune cells were attacking it.

This was an unusual side effect of immunotherapy, called hypophysitis, and was impossible to predict. Unfortunately, she would need to be on hormone replacement for the rest of her life.

I've seen several patients treated with novel therapies who have had similar side effects that seem to come out of the blue.

Access is another problem with newer drugs: Immunotherapies such as CAR-T cells, which have led to long-term remissions for

*Some patients treated with novel therapies have had side effects that seem to come out of the blue.*

some patients with lymphomas or leukemias, have been approved by the FDA. But they require considerable expertise and experience to use, and thus are only available for certain cancers in a few locations around the United States. Some patients are frustrated that newer drugs are unavailable for their location or their disease.

But perhaps the most challenging aspect about this new era in cancer drugs is convincing patients that they don't need a novel therapy.

I once saw a man in the hospital with prostate cancer, which had spread to multiple bones, causing him significant pain, and had even involved his liver. He had brought in pages of data on drugs that had been approved within the past five years to treat his prostate cancer. These ranged from cancer vaccines to targeted pills to immunotherapies.

The only problem: Traditional, run-of-the-mill chemotherapy was the best treatment to control his symptoms quickly and prolong his life. I calmly explained why novel therapies, while promising, were not the best treatment for him. He reluctantly accepted chemotherapy. Last I heard, he did well after completing the regimen.

Because of the four-decade investment in the War on Cancer, life expectancy is increasing, side effects are fewer, and cancer can sometimes be a chronic disease rather than a death sentence. As treatment options expand by the day, it is exciting as an oncologist-in-training to learn about these new therapies, while also keeping in mind that existing therapies in cancer can serve some patients.

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HPV FROM E1

"I asked the pediatrician whether I should also get the shot because it did not exist when I was a kid," L said. "She told me I was too old."

But recently some of L's 40-something friends have had their first-ever abnormal Papanicolaou (PAP) smear and tested positive for "high-risk" HPV. They've needed regular visits to the gynecologist for colposcopy (an examination of the cervix using a microscope) with uncomfortable cervical biopsies, an ordeal L wants to avoid.

Querying Dr. Google, she learned that condoms are not an effective prevention against HPV but noticed that the Food and Drug Administration had expanded the use of Gardasil 9 to include women up to age 45. While insurance won't cover the three-shot series for her age group, she is ready to pay the steep \$600-plus vaccine cost — but only if L, her physician, thinks the investment is worthwhile.

I didn't know what to tell her but I decided to do some digging.

## Before having sex

At this point, it's pretty clear that if you get the HPV vaccine series before ever having sex, it works really well. A review of 26 randomized controlled trials shows that giving the vaccine to preteen and teenage girls before they become sexually active will protect them from genital warts and HPV-related precancers that show up on PAP screening.

These studies also show that the vaccine reduces the total number of colposcopies, biopsies and other procedures. And while it's still too early to say for sure, it looks like the HPV vaccine may protect this group of girls from developing cervical, oral and anal cancers, diseases that can appear several decades after initial HPV infection.

(There is a consensus that giving the HPV vaccine to boys will also prevent HPV-related cancers, although males are not the focus of this report.)

I also know the vaccine is safe; in the review of the HPV studies, severe adverse events were rare and were not significantly higher in vaccine recipients than in those who received a placebo injection.

But L had a number of partners in her early 20s followed by many years of monogamy. Does the vaccine make sense for her and the roughly 30 million other women under 46 who missed the opportunity to get the HPV shots as kids? After all, studies show that most women get exposed to at least one strain of HPV within a couple of years after first having sex and that the likelihood of exposure increases with each sexual partner. While most women clear their infections within 12 to 24 months, a small percentage go on to develop cervical precancers or cancers — which is why cervi-

VOLUNTEERS FROM E1

one-third of adults in the United States, about 77 million people, volunteered in 2017, 6 percent of them doing so in a health-related field, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that includes AmeriCorps and Senior Corps.

At the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, rated the nation's best cancer hospital in the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings, more than 1,000 "volunteers work alongside patients, caregivers, faculty and staff to help make a difference by providing comfort, hope, support and education," said Susan French, associate vice president of volunteer services and merchandising. I know. When I was there recently for a family member's appointment, we could not have been more pleased with the volunteers who stepped up to help.

Not long after my release from Memorial Sloan Kettering, my brother and sister, who had been with me every day during my 14-day hospitalization, joined the hospital's volunteer corps, wanting to help others.

As for me, a little more than a decade after my surgery I was drawn back to the hospital, returning as one of the hospital's "blue coats." Like Alan, I hoped to be a role model to others — or just an empathetic ear. I recounted one such visit in a talk to other

cal cancer screening is important.

To answer L's question, I looked up the guidelines for HPV vaccination put out by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a group of medical experts that determines which vaccines we should use in the United States. Despite the FDA's recent approval of the vaccine for women up to age 45, I saw no mention of women over age 26 in the ACIP guidelines.

Then I moved to the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology website to see what it said about HPV vaccination for older women. ACOG's Practice Advisory encourages me to "welcome



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**Gardasil protects against the human papilloma virus, which can cause cervical cancer.**

*"If your goal is to prevent cancer, we have no proof the vaccine does that in the older age group."*

**Karen Smith-McCune**, an HPV researcher and professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California at San Francisco

conversations" with women up to age 45 and that "any decision to be vaccinated should be individually based using shared decision making and clinical judgment based on those patients' circumstances, preferences, and concerns."

I'm all for collaborating with my patients to come up with a game plan but to do this I need data. How was I to know what "circumstances" might make the vaccine more or less effective? And what "preferences" or "concerns" was the vaccine likely to address?

## Plenty of confusion

To get some clarity on ACOG's recommendations, I called Lois Ramondetta, professor of gynecologic oncology at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. She is on the ACOG HPV immunization expert working group. She said that the ACIP was doing a cost-benefit analysis and would soon decide whether to recommend the HPV vaccine up

Memorial Sloan Kettering volunteers 20 years ago:

"Curled up in bed, [Peter] looks more like a 14-year-old boy than a 40-year-old dad. With just wisps of hair on his head and a baby-soft face — your beard often stops growing with chemo — he greets me tentatively. 'My name is Steven,' I say. I tell him I'm a volunteer. We're instructed not to say the word 'cancer' because you

*During my tenure as a volunteer, I've seen the hospital's blue-coated volunteers do so many tangible things: greet patients, deliver books, sit in silence together, take them on walks.*

never know what a person actually understands about his or her disease. But Peter knows what's wrong with him. He tells me about his orchiectomy [the procedure for removing a cancerous testicle] and I tell him about mine. He recounts his chemo experience [with the hateful platinum drugs] and I tell him about mine.

"Now, he's really paying attention and he looks up at me, his eyes focused on my whole body

to age 45. But she agreed that, at the moment, there is plenty of confusion about which older women would benefit.

"Perhaps it would be very useful for someone who hasn't been exposed, and who's intimacy situation has changed," she told me.

Measuring exposure to HPV is tricky. The only option in my lab is to do a cervical swab to test for high-risk HPV genotypes including HPV 16 and 18 — the two strains that cause over 70 percent of HPV-related cancers. This is a great test for diagnosing active infection with HPV but doesn't measure past exposure or latent HPV infections. (To measure these, I would need an antigen test, which is only available in research labs.)

But combing through the data from VIVIANE, one of two big drug industry funded studies to measure the effectiveness of HPV vaccine in older women, I realized that the vaccine was about 80 percent effective at preventing infection with HPV 16 and 18 in women whose cervical swabs were negative for these strains, regardless of past exposure. That sounded pretty good to me. As long as L was HPV genotype 16 and 18 negative, maybe she should get the vaccine.

Not so fast, cautioned Karen Smith-McCune, professor emeritus of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of California at San Francisco. She is an HPV researcher and works in the cervical dysplasia clinic taking care of women infected with HPV.

"When you look at these studies, you have to ask: 'Effective for what?' If your goal is to prevent cancer, we have no proof the vaccine does that in the older age group," she said.

It was true that older women who received the HPV vaccine became infected with HPV 16 and 18 at a lower rate than the women who were unvaccinated. But the advanced precancers, the ones most likely to go on to become cancer, were rare in both the vaccinated and unvaccinated groups, and the difference was not statistically significant.

How is it that the vaccine can prevent infection in older women but does not seem to protect against cervical cancer?

Smith-McCune has a variety of explanations for this, including that new HPV infection in older women may simply be a reactivation of latent infection and less likely to progress to cancer.

"The take-home message is that cervical cancer is really rare in older women who get regular screenings and [the HPV] vaccine adds little in terms of prevention," Smith-McCune said.

## Screening older women

Indeed, because we have good screening in the United States, cervical cancer incidence and death rates were low even before the introduction of the HPV vaccine in 2006. In 2017, about 4,000 women died of the disease. (For

reference, 41,000 die of breast cancer and 66,000 of lung cancer). Compare that with some low-income countries, such as Malawi or Bolivia, where screening is practically unobtainable and the mortality rate from cervical cancer is three to four times higher.

And what about avoiding costly and uncomfortable colposcopies and biopsies, something that the vaccine did accomplish in younger women — especially those who had never had sex.

Well there were slightly fewer of these procedures in the older women who received the vaccine, but not an amount that was statistically significant.

So what is the best choice for L?

"If she is a 40-something-year-old virgin who decides to start dating, the vaccine will be 100 percent effective," Smith-McCune said. "But beyond that, let's vaccinate adolescents, that is where you have the public health impact."

Smith-McCune added that L should get the recommended cervical cancer screening up to age 65, which means getting a PAP plus HPV test every five years, or a PAP every three years.

At this point, I was pretty sure what I would say to L and other women her age: "The HPV vaccine is unlikely to help but, aside from cost, there is no big downside to getting it."

But then I learned that there is a global shortage of HPV vaccine. According to the World Health Organization, the two manufacturers, Merck and GlaxoSmith-Kline, are not producing enough. And while there are plans for other pharmaceutical companies in China and India to pick up the slack, right now only 20 percent of countries with the highest rates of cervical cancer are able to immunize girls who are 9 to 14 years old, the age group where the vaccine is known to be most effective.

Given the limited supply and the lack of evidence that the vaccine protects older women from colposcopies or cervical cancer, I agree with Smith-McCune: Let's leave the vaccine for the teens and preteens. And if you are a woman in your mid-40s who is suddenly thrown back on the dating scene, the best strategy is use condoms (because they do protect against other sexually transmitted infections) and get regular cervical cancer screening.

I called L to share what I had learned. She had done some of her own research and came to pretty much the same conclusion.

She was also considering a donation to Gavi, an international organization which gets vaccines to places they are most needed. To me, that sounded like a great way to spend \$600.

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# These volunteers aren't just helpers. They're family.

but especially my hair. It's like all the pieces have suddenly come into focus and he says incredulously, "You're a cancer survivor?" "Yes, I'm a cancer survivor," I say to him. And at that moment, the ability to say those words out loud is what my survival is all about."

We are family.

In 2013, my mother learned she had lung cancer. She chose to have her treatment at Sloan Kettering because she was convinced my surgeon there had saved my life (I agree), and because of her thoracic surgeon's reputation — and good looks (Mom always called her doctor, James Huang, "Doctor Handsome"). But she also chose this hospital because she'd been influenced by the staff members and volunteers she'd met during my experience there.

During Mom's hospitalization, I came to realize that volunteers deliver a kind of magic along with their books, games and conversation, reminding me of a Mary Oliver poem called "The Uses of Sorrow":

*Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift.*

I've long believed that the hospital's volunteers are part of the gift in this "box of darkness" called cancer.

Which brings me to the latest chapter in our family story.

In late 2017, my sister, Julie, once a Memorial Sloan Kettering

volunteer, sadly became a patient herself. Julie, too, has spoken with a patient-to-patient volunteer and enrolled in the hospital's Visible Ink program, which matches volunteers who are professional writers with patients who want to write about their illnesses. Because of Julie, I re-joined the center's volunteer ranks, as a mentor in the Visible Ink program.

I'm but one of the hospital's 900 volunteers, who range in age from 14 to 90. I've felt a connection to many, including Jeanne Scungio, who has spent the past four years in the hospital's "Welcome Flowers program." In addition to learning how to "fluff a flower for maximum cheeriness," Scungio says she's gotten so much by making "a connection" to the patients, which gives her a sense of "belonging and purpose."

During my tenure as a volunteer, I've seen the hospital's blue-coated volunteers do so many tangible things: greet patients, deliver books, sit in silence together, take them on walks, lead art workshops, bring certified therapy dogs to visit and, yes, deliver flowers fluffed for maximum cheeriness.

It would be tough to do all that for a stranger, but these patients are actually the newest members of our clan — the "cancer club." Even though they didn't choose us, I hope they'll come to think of us as family, just as I did with my "big brother" Alan 35 years ago.

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CANCER ISSUE

# Troubling kinship between cancers and excess weight

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pancreatic, colorectal and liver malignancies, as well as postmenopausal breast cancer. Researchers at the American Cancer Society say that excess body weight is linked to about 8 percent of all cancers in the United States and about 7 percent of cancer deaths.

Compared with people of normal weight, obese patients are more likely to see their cancer come back and have a lower likelihood of survival. Perhaps most alarming, young people, who as a group are heavier than their parents, are developing weight-related malignancies, including colorectal cancer, at earlier ages than previous generations, experts say.

### 'A complex interplay'

The precise link between cancer and excess weight isn't known, but researchers are focusing on the "visceral" fat that surrounds internal organs. Rather than being a harmless glob, this fat is a "metabolically active organ" that produces hormones such as estrogen, which is associated with a higher risk of breast and some other cancers, according to the American Institute for Cancer Research, a nonprofit group that focuses on diet, nutrition and cancer.

The fat also secretes proteins that drive insulin levels higher, which may spur cell growth and increase the possibility of cancer. And it can cause chronic inflammation, another risk factor for the disease, according to the group.

"It's a complex interplay of metabolism, inflammation and immunity," said Jennifer Ligibel, a breast oncologist at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. "It creates an environment that is more permissive for cancer."

About 7 in 10 Americans are overweight or obese, according to a 2015 article in JAMA Internal Medicine. People are considered overweight if they have a body mass index (BMI) of 25 to 29, and obese if they have a BMI of 30 or more.

The proportion of adults who are overweight has remained relatively stable in the past several decades, but the obesity rate has soared. In the early 1960s, almost

11 percent of men and nearly 16 percent of women were obese; in 2016, those percentages were 38 percent and 41 percent, respectively, according to the cancer society.

The risk of cancer rises along with excess weight. "It does appear that the risk is greater the more obese you are," said Jonathan Wright, a urologist at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. There is a link between being overweight and cancer, "but it is not as strong," he said.

The type of cancer that is most strongly associated with obesity is endometrial, which develops in the lining of the uterus. Obese and overweight women are two to four times as likely to develop the disease as women of normal weight, and the risk rises with increased weight gain, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Meanwhile, people who are overweight or obese are about twice as likely to develop liver and kidney cancer, and about 1.5 times as likely to develop pancreatic cancer than normal-weight people, according to NIH.

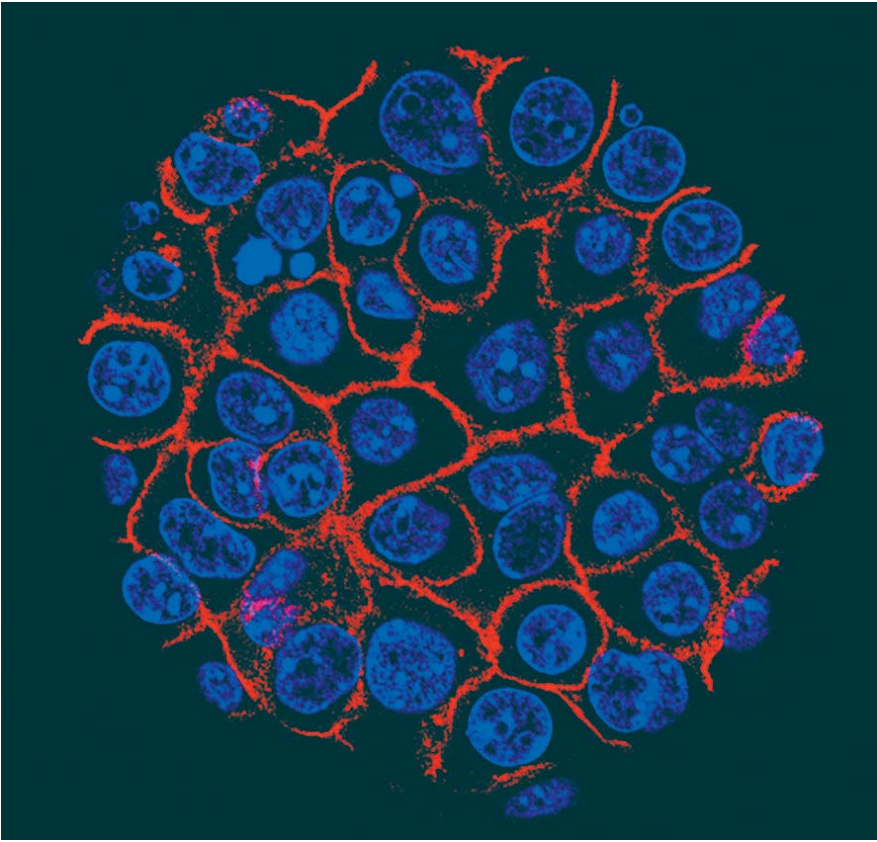
In addition, having too much belly fat — a larger waistline — is linked to an increased risk of colorectal and some other cancers, regardless of body weight, the cancer society said.

Several researchers are running clinical trials to try to prove what many already believe — that losing weight reduces the odds of developing cancer or having a recurrence. There are some indications they may be right — severely obese people who have bariatric surgery, for example, lessen their odds of getting cancer — but much more data is needed.

### Trials and studies

Carol Massey, who is 59 and was treated for breast cancer two years ago, is enrolled in a nationwide trial designed to see if losing weight makes it less likely breast cancer will come back. She has reduced her calorie intake, stepped up her exercise and gotten regular advice from a health coach based at Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which is leading the Breast Cancer Weight Loss Study, or BWEL.

To be eligible for the trial, women must have a BMI of 27 or higher. The study, which will en-



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roll about 3,100 women, will compare Massey's group — which gets supervised weight loss and health-education materials — with a group that receives only the educational materials.

Massey, who lives in Paola, Kan., said she quickly came to look forward to her coach's calls, which initially were once a week. "We got to be friends, she would ask about my family," she said. "One time, she even called me when she was on vacation in Cabo San Lucas" in Mexico.

Over time, the 5-foot-8 Massey lost 30 pounds. She is now 150 pounds.

Those are the kind of results Ligibel, the principal investigator, is hoping for. If the study shows that slimming down is associated with reduced recurrence, doctors could prescribe a weight-loss program as standard therapy for breast cancer patients — much as cardiac rehabilitation is urged for heart-attack patients. That could pave the way for insurance coverage.

Gail Folloder joined a 16-week program at University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center for heavier women at high risk of breast cancer because both of her parents had had cancer and she wanted to prevent it. The 67-year-

old Houston resident underwent "hunger training," which uses continuous glucose monitoring to show participants when they need fuel and urges them to limit their eating to those times.

"The idea is to help people learn to eat only when they are really hungry," said Karen Basen-Engquist, a behavioral scientist at the cancer center. "We eat for all kinds of reasons — sometimes because we are with other people or because we are bored or stressed."

It worked for Folloder. "I used to say that I was hungry all the time but I really wasn't," she said. "Now I'm more in tune with my body."

Besides talking to a dietitian weekly, she stepped up her physical activity by using a hula hoop and an exercise bike. Folloder, who is 5-foot-9, went from 219 pounds to 191 pounds.

The women in Folloder's group will be compared to a "control" group that takes part in a weight-loss program but does not do blood sugar monitoring. Results are expected this year.

Fred Hutchinson's Wright is focusing on overweight and obese men with low-grade, slow-growing prostate cancer who have decided to take an "active surveil-

**This image shows pancreatic cancer cells (nuclei in blue) growing as a sphere encased in membranes (red). Being obese and overweight — long implicated in heart disease and diabetes — has been associated in recent years with an increased risk of getting at least 13 types of cancer, including stomach, pancreatic, colorectal and liver malignancies, as well as postmenopausal breast cancer. Researchers at the American Cancer Society say that excess body weight is linked to about 8 percent of all cancers in the United States and about 7 percent of cancer deaths.**

lance" approach — which involves monitoring via blood tests, physical exams and biopsies — rather than treatment such as radiation or surgery. He is investigating whether keeping patients' glucose levels under control through weight loss will prevent the cancer from getting worse and improve survival. The goal is for participants to lose 7 percent of their body weight.

The study is based on the Diabetes Prevention Program, which showed that people at high risk for Type 2 diabetes can prevent or delay the disease by losing a modest amount of weight through dietary changes and increased physical activity.

### Finding the right diet

Steve Borden, 57, enrolled in the trial, called Prostate Cancer Active Lifestyle or PALS, last November and was assigned to a nutritionist and exercise physiologist to coach him on diet and exercise.

The 5-foot-10 Borden has lost 30 pounds and now weighs 198 pounds. His target is just 1,800 calories a day, and he regularly uses the treadmill and lifts weights. He said a recent test showed his PSA — for prostate-specific antigen, which when elevated can be an indication of cancer — has dropped slightly, although his doctors don't know whether that is connected to his weight loss.

In general, how much do people need to lose to improve their cancer odds? Ligibel of Dana-Farber said it is not clear but that data suggests a 5 percent reduction in body weight has a beneficial impact on blood sugar and inflammation.

For anyone wanting to reduce their cancer risk, avoiding weight gain in the first place is important, experts say. Brawley of Johns Hopkins said that the goal should be maintaining "energy balance" — consuming no more calories than are burned off through exercise and other activity.

Nutritionists say the key is cutting down on portion sizes, avoiding sugar and aiming for meals that are rich in vegetables, fruits and whole grains and beans and light on animal protein.

Anthony Perre, chief of outpatient medicine at Cancer Treatment Centers of America, said the Mediterranean diet — which emphasizes plant-based food, whole grains and olive oil — has been linked to improved cancer outcomes.

"But the diet that is the right one is the one that you can sustain over the long term," he said. "Whether it's Atkins, low-carb or low-calorie, they all work if you stick with them."

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# Facing a possible link between implants and rare lymphoma

BY SUSAN BERGER

In 2016, Jennifer Cook, a California schoolteacher who had breast implants in 2010, noticed a change in one of her breasts. So when a school play she attended with her class had a line in it about breast cancer and implants, she got nervous.

After a quick online search turned up some scary stories, she got scanned and soon learned she had four masses around the implant — two of which were behind the implant, and therefore not palpable and not visible on a regular mammogram or ultrasound. She was diagnosed with something called breast implant-associated anaplastic large cell lymphoma, or BIA-ALCL.

Cook had chemotherapy and then surgery to remove the implants, followed by more chemotherapy. She will be closely monitored for many years to make sure there is no recurrence of the cancer.

"If I had known cancer was linked to implants, I would never have gotten them," Cook said.

BIA-ALCL is a rare type of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, a cancer of the cells of the immune system. It can occur in different parts of the body, including the lymph nodes and skin. Even though BIA-ALCL is found in the breasts of some individuals with breast implants it is not specifically breast cancer.

The link between textured breast implants and the disease was first reported in 1997. Since then, about 457 cases have been reported to the Food and Drug Administration and nine people have died of it. (Worldwide, there has been a total of 600 cases and 17 deaths.) Last month an FDA advisory committee met to hear

testimony about the safety of implants.

BIA-ALCL is considered treatable if found early enough, with surgery to remove the implants and any masses, and possibly chemotherapy or radiation if the disease has spread.

### Growing awareness

About 400,000 breast implants are done each year in the United States for post-cancer reconstruction and, much more often, breast enhancement reasons. Implants are either filled with silicone gel or saline solution; their surfaces are smooth or textured. According to Mark Clemens, associate professor of plastic surgery at MD Anderson Cancer Center, only about 12.7 percent of implants sold in the United States are textured, but worldwide the number is closer to 99 percent, although many countries have now banned the textured implants or are phasing them out.

Clemens said the vast majority of implant surgeons were unaware of the disease until January 2011 when the FDA first identified a possible association between textured implants and the development of BIA-ALCL.

"Our understanding is greatly advancing in just the last few years. Today, implant surgeons and oncologists are much more aware of this disease, which is important," he said, but "we still are focusing on physician and public education on this as much as we can."

Clemens said most cases can be treated with surgery alone, to remove the implant and scar tissue. He said that 93 percent of women diagnosed and treated are disease-free after three years follow-up. In the U.S. cases where

people have died of the disease, diagnosis, and treatment, was significantly delayed on average about two years after symptoms first appeared.

Mark Sisco, chief of plastic surgery at NorthShore University HealthSystem, said that textured implants are used because they can be helpful to hold an implant in place and might reduce scar tissue for some women. He said the textured implants are shaped like a teardrop and theoretically appear more natural. Sisco says he no longer uses textured implants and believes many U.S. surgeons do not now use them.

"I wouldn't be surprised if the FDA pulls them [textured implants] from the market," Sisco said.

The FDA has started a patient registry where cases of BIA-ALCL can be reported. Clemens said this should contribute to a better understanding of the causes and treatments.

### 'I lost my chest'

Amy Rose, spokeswoman for Allergan, one of the manufacturers of breast implants, said the company encourages patients to "have a thorough discussion with their plastic surgeon about the risks and benefits of each implant type to make a fully informed decision." She said Allergan "supports informed consent for patients, and the company has included appropriate information in the surgeon Directions for Use and patient information leaflets to aid in an effective consultation and patient/physician discussion around the risks and benefits."

That information specifically warns patients that, "If you have breast implants, you have an increased risk of developing BIA-ALCL," and it says that for pa-



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**Jennifer Cook, husband David and son David Cook Jr. She had her implants removed and got treatment for a breast implant-associated lymphoma.**

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tocol, with regular scans. She is not intending to replace the implants.

Raylene Hollrah was 33 in 2008 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After she learned that, she tested positive for the BRCA genetic mutation that has been linked to both breast and ovarian cancer. She underwent chemotherapy and opted for a double mastectomy. Then she had full breast reconstruction, including using textured implants. Five years later, she began experiencing swelling and the implants were removed. Testing confirmed that she had BIA-ALCL. She continues to be monitored with scans for any changes. Like the others, she has chosen not to replace the implants and regrets having used them in the first place.

"I am 40 now and diagnosed with cancer twice," Hollrah said. "The second one I should never have had."

Hollrah, Forney and Cook are active in a Facebook group that provides information about BIA-ALCL. All have testified at FDA hearings on the issues.

"I lost my chest, but I have not lost my voice," said Hollrah, who would like to see the textured implants removed from use.

Both Sisco and Clemens said that women who have implants and are concerned about the possible BIA-ALCL connection should talk to their doctors. They both said that implants are not lifetime devices and that women who have them should keep an eye out for asymmetry or unusual swelling and consult a doctor if such problems develop.

"It is critically important women are aware of this disease but that does not mean they should panic," Clemens said. "Complications do occur, and a woman can expect to remove or replace them after a decade or two." Beyond that, he said, in most cases of BIA-ALCL, there is "a very good prognosis."

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When people get multiple cancers

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was crazy,” recalls Johnson, who lives in Windsor, Col., where she operates a day-care center in her home. “My world started to spin. It was a huge red flag.”

Many people assume that when cancer shows up following an earlier tumor, it is a metastasis from the first. But this is not always the case. Multiple primary cancers can arise by themselves, and researchers in recent years have begun to unravel some of the reasons.

“Cancer therapies have improved dramatically in the modern era, resulting in a growing population of cancer survivors — over 15 million,” says Stephen J. Chanock, director of the division of cancer epidemiology and genetics at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). “As these individuals live longer lives, some of them go on to develop second cancers, tumors unrelated to their original cancer. There likely are multiple factors involved, and we are still learning about their causes.”

Experts believe that many of these additional primary tumors are the result of earlier treatments for initial cancers that often occur in childhood. Radiation and chemotherapy, while successful in knocking out the first disease, also cause DNA damage. This can prompt new cancers to develop later, among them lymphomas, leukemias, and those of the breast, thyroid or soft tissues.

**From infections to chance**

Other factors that can encourage new tumors probably include environmental exposures, such as tobacco or alcohol use, hormonal influences, viral infections — especially HIV — and genetics, which appears to be a major player. Also, experts believe that a combination of these is involved. “There are emerging data that suggest common inherited factors together with treatment can influence the risk of developing a second cancer,” Chanock says.

Finally, there also is the element of chance — somebody has to be first — that is, a spontaneous gene mutation that ultimately is passed on, beginning the chain.

Johnson wondered why she was susceptible to so many cancers. Six years ago, she finally found out: genes.

In 2013, after undergoing a double mastectomy — and before the later masses were found — genetic testing showed she had

Li-Fraumeni Syndrome (LFS), an inherited familial predisposition to a wide range of specific and often rare cancers, particularly in children and young adults. These often include breast cancer, osteosarcoma — a form of bone cancer — and cancers of the soft tissues, brain tumors, leukemias, and a cancer called adrenocortical carcinoma that affects the outer layer of the adrenal glands, according to the National Institutes of Health. One parent with the mutation is enough to pass it on.

LFS involves inherited mutations in the TP53 gene (and also sometimes — but less often — the CHEK2 gene), a tumor suppressor gene which, undamaged, controls the spread of cancerous cells. When mutations occur, cells can divide, proliferate and form tumors. Other genetic and environmental factors also probably enhance the cancer risk in those with TP53 mutations, according to NIH. The cancer institute has a study underway trying to learn more about the syndrome.

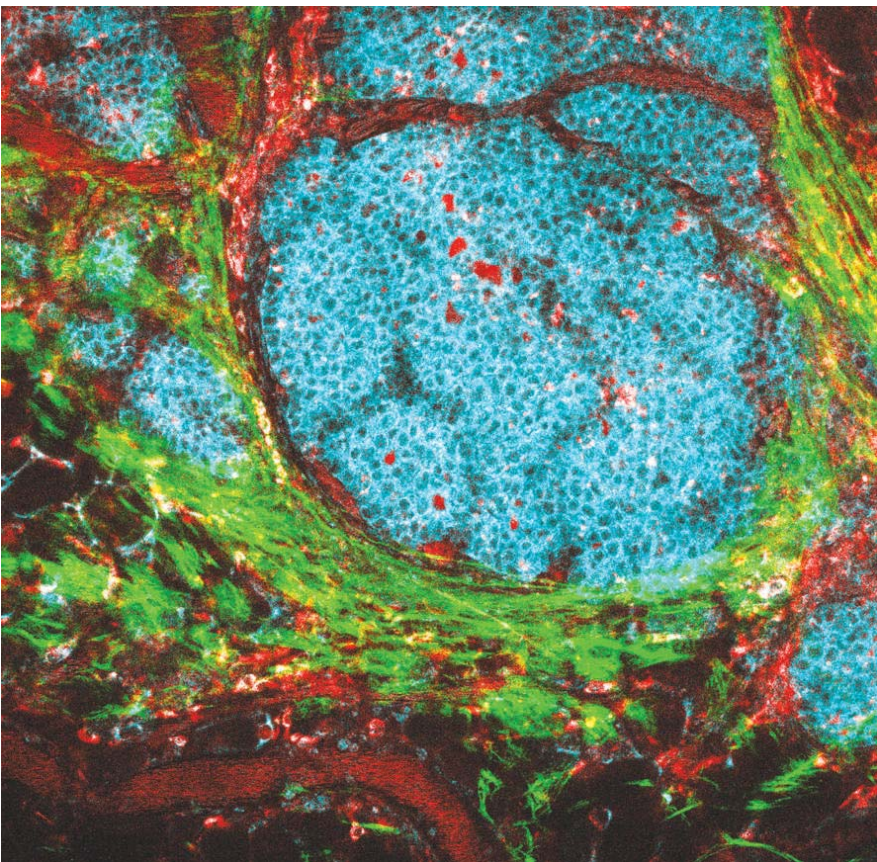
It is unknown how many carry these mutations, although the Li-Fraumeni Syndrome Association reports that more than 1,000 multigenerational families worldwide have it. Researchers think it’s a conservative estimate.

“Historically, LFS is thought to be very rare,” says Kim Nichols, who leads the cancer predisposition group at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis. “The medical literature says between 400 and 500 reported cases, but I truly believe there are more. Everyone hasn’t been diagnosed because it isn’t on most oncologists’ radar screens. For me, it’s very obvious, but in the real world, where oncologists treat many cancers, they don’t always think of it.”

**Hereditary factors**

The failure of many physicians to take a family history is one reason it is underreported, she adds. Cancers among closely related family members — especially at a young age — are an important clue. Johnson’s mother, for example, who died at 50, suffered from leiomyosarcoma, an aggressive cancer of the smooth muscle tissue. “Doctors often don’t think about the possibility of an underlying genetic predisposition,” Nichols says.

She and others point out that other genetic variants can result in multiple tumors, including those in the BRCA1 and BRCA2



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genes, known for causing breast and ovarian cancers in women, but also are linked to such malignancies as pancreatic and prostate cancer, melanoma — including in men — and male breast cancer. Also, variants in the DICER1 gene can predispose individuals to many types of tumors, both malignant and benign.

Retinoblastoma, a cancer of the tissues in the retina that typically afflicts children younger than 5, can be hereditary or sporadic, but survivors with mutations in the Rb1 gene can later develop sarcomas, melanoma, and cancers of the brain and nasal cavity. Radiotherapy used to cure retinoblastoma appears to raise the risk, suggesting a possible interaction.

Moreover, researchers believe there could be numerous common genetic variants involved in the development of multiple tumors, as yet unidentified.

“It’s not just rare variants that we should be thinking about with multiple cancers, but common variants, possibly many of them,” says Lindsay Morton, a scientist in NCI’s division of cancer epidemiology and genetics.

Morton’s research focuses on treatment-related second can-

cers, including the interaction of genetics with the effects of the earlier therapy.

“This is a different way to think about precision medicine,” she says. “Usually people are thinking about targeted therapy, but we’re saying that the risk/benefit assessment for a certain treatment could depend on someone’s genetics. It may be that individuals have a genetic variant that reduces the ability of their normal cells to repair DNA damage from the cancer treatment, compared with someone else who doesn’t have that genetic variant.”

Nichols agrees.

“We know that when individuals are treated for first cancers, many of the drugs or radiotherapy kills the cancer cells by interfering with the DNA,” says Nichols, who is an investigator in NIH’s Li-Fraumeni study and a collaborator in a multi-institution LFS research consortium. “When that happens, you can introduce a change in the DNA that can lead to cancers down the road. The question is: How much of a risk came from treatment, and how much from an underlying genetic condition? We are learning about that now. It hasn’t been comprehensively studied,

**An image of a breast tumor and its microenvironment. (Tumor cells are in cyan, macrophages in red and collagen fibers in green.) Experts say many people assume that when cancer shows up following an earlier tumor, it is a metastasis from the first. But this is not always the case. Multiple primary cancers can arise by themselves. Researchers in recent years have begun to uncover some of the reasons.**

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With LFS, there is no way to prevent the cancers. Experts believe the best way to cope is to detect and treat them early.

Joshua Schiffman, professor of pediatric hematology/oncology at the University of Utah’s Huntsman Cancer Institute and medical director of the Family Cancer Assessment Clinic, has been studying LFS for more than 10 years. He got involved after treating a 4-year-old with leukemia who earlier had suffered a brain tumor. When examining family history, Schiffman found the child’s father and uncle both had died of glioblastoma, an aggressive brain cancer.

“We knew there must be something going on,” Schiffman says. “We tested her and her siblings, and discovered this was a family with LFS.”

He is researching the genetics of LFS by studying elephants, who seldom develop cancer. Elephants have 40 copies of the TP53 gene, compared with humans, who only have two. “We are trying to understand the molecular basis of how elephant TP53 functions, and how it differs from human TP53,” Schiffman says.

**Using whole-body MRIs**

Meanwhile, Schiffman believes in using a whole-body MRI to detect tumors early, and has collaborated in several studies that suggest the approach works. The first, in 2011, led by David Malkin of Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, followed a small group of LFS patients for five years, some of whom opted for screening, while others did not. After five years, those who elected imaging were still alive, compared with only 20 percent who refused.

The regimen, known as the Toronto Protocol, is recommended by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. But imaging is expensive — Schiffman estimates it costs from \$3,000 to \$10,000 — and he says many insurance companies won’t cover it. A recent study he wrote demonstrates it is cost-effective compared with treating cancer found later. “We know there are hundreds of patients who may have cancer growing inside them, but can’t afford the scans,” he says.

Johnson’s family — she has four sons, two of them LFS positive — are part of the NIH study. She expects more cancers are coming, “but we are working to find them early and remove them,” she says.

Meanwhile, she says she tries to keep anxiety in the background.

“Time is a gift, not a guarantee,” she says. “I’m a firm believer that our days are numbered. But our quality of life is still within our control.”

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Colorectal cancer builds as a threat to young adults. It’s unclear why.

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Colorectal cancer remains a major source of cancer incidence and death in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2019, there will be 145,600 new cases of the disease and 51,020 deaths across the United States, making it the fourth most diagnosed form of cancer and the second leading cause of cancer mortality.

This means that every hour, 17 families in the nation will learn that one of their members has colorectal cancer, or cancer of the large intestine or rectum, and that six families will lose one of their members to the disease.

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Despite these sobering numbers, there is good news.

Overall incidence and mortality rates for colorectal cancer have been on the decline since the mid-1980s, primarily as a consequence of increased engagement in preventive screening, more effective diagnosis and treatment, and greater awareness of risk factors (such as family history, obesity, physical inactivity, smoking, heavy alcohol use, and diets rich in red and processed meats) and symptoms (chronic diarrhea or constipation, narrowing of the stool, rectal bleeding, blood in the stool, cramping or abdominal pain, and chronic weakness and fatigue).

Unfortunately, such is not the case for young people. Colorectal cancer incidences and deaths have been increasing in the past 30 years in people under 50. As a scientist conducting basic research on colorectal cancer, I have been generally aware that this was occurring. But two recent events impassioned me about the issue.

First, in 2017, Rebecca Siegel and colleagues published detailed and compelling statistical data clearly showing that while the disease in younger people remains a relatively small fraction of the total, it is rising at an alarming rate.

This is in striking contrast to the situation for older people, in whom colorectal cancer is decreasing. These findings brought the young adult issue into focus and raised public awareness of its existence.

Second, at about the same time, I attended a conference where I met a number of young people, including several in their 20s and 30s, who had been diagnosed with colorectal cancer and were in the middle of fighting it. I

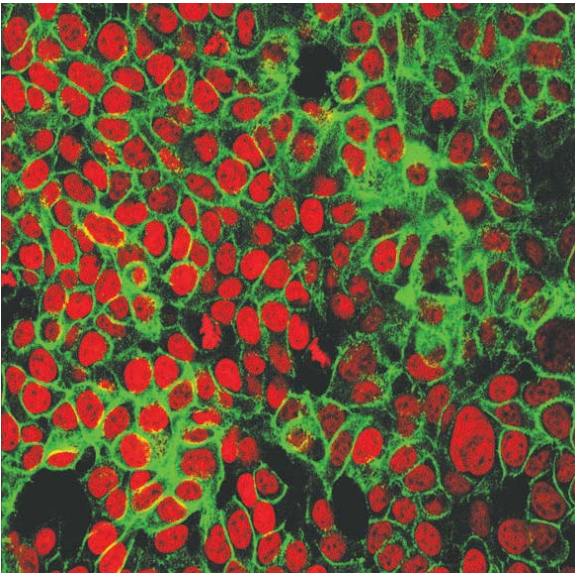
also met parents who lost young adult children to the disease. The emotions displayed by these people were particularly acute, representing the intersection of anger, resentment, embarrassment, hopelessness and fear. I came away from that meeting committed to gaining an understanding of the increase in colorectal cancer among young adults — and doing something about it.

With screening, precancerous growths called polyps and early-stage cancers can be readily detected and actually removed before they advance to dangerous, life-threatening stages. Thus, screening has become an indispensable strategy for the early detection and prevention of colorectal cancer. Any of a number of methods for colorectal cancer screening are now available, including colonoscopy, flexible sigmoidoscopy, imaging and several stool-based tests.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that, for the general population, screening should begin at age 50, based on the knowledge that about 90 percent of cases occurs in those 50 and older. It is this population that is experiencing the decrease in colorectal cancer incidence and death that is currently being observed.

But screening is not typically recommended for those under 50. This — along with a general lack of awareness about colorectal cancer and its symptoms among young people, their families and their primary care providers — results in prolonged times for symptomatic patients to obtain a firm diagnosis. Late diagnoses often result in more advanced stages of the disease, when it is harder to treat.

To address this, the American Cancer Society recently recom-



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**An image of human colon cancer cells. (The cell nuclei are stained red and the protein E-cadherin is stained green.) E-cadherin is a cell adhesion molecule.**

mended lowering the screening age to 45 to catch a good percentage of the younger people who may be at risk for disease. Though this recommendation is based upon detailed analysis of the efficacy and costs of colorectal cancer screening, health-related professional organizations such as the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have yet to adopt them.

What is causing colorectal cancer to increase in young adults? We do not know for certain, but a great deal of ongoing research is aimed at answering this important question. Several studies have indicated that the disease in young people is different in pathology, genetics and response to treatment from that in older people. Lifestyle trends, such as being overweight and obesity, lack of physical activity and

changing diets, have been suggested to play roles.

Indeed, a recent study shows that obesity is associated with increased risk of early-onset colorectal cancer in women.

While these trends may be involved, many physicians have told me anecdotally that many of their young colorectal cancer patients appear thin, fit and active, suggesting that something else may be going on.

What could that something else be?

There is persuasive evidence that features of early life contribute to risks for a number of adverse health effects that occur in later childhood, teen ages and even in young adults. This include such things as: whether a baby was born via Caesarean section or vaginally; diet and nutrition; antibiotic use; whether a baby was nursed or fed

formula; contact with microbes; and stress.

The health effects of these various factors have been linked to obesity, immune disorders, allergies, asthma and diabetes, among others. The billions of microbes that live on and within our bodies, collectively termed the microbiota, undergo many changes during the period between birth and ages 3 to 4, and are highly susceptible to perturbation by the kinds of exposures listed above.

It is possible, therefore, that microbes may be key in linking early life exposures to later life health. Our research group is examining the possibility that increasing colorectal cancer incidences in young adults may be a consequence of environmental exposures that occur at very young ages, during the first few years after birth. For example, we have recently shown that in mice, antibiotic treatment causes depletion of the microbiota, along with an increase in development of precancerous tumors.

Sorting out the causes of young-adult colorectal cancer — and understanding the nature of the disease more thoroughly — will take time. While this research is going on, it is critical that young people, their families and their primary care providers become aware of, and pay attention to, family histories, lifestyles and symptoms, so the possible occurrence of colorectal cancer is recognized early and dealt with in a timely manner.

Colorectal cancer is a difficult and emotional disease at any age. This is especially so in young adults. Awareness of signs and symptoms, along with engagement in screening as appropriate, will lead to the eventual eradication of the disease as a major form of cancer.

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